

THE LEADING BUSINESS HOUSES OF ANNISTON

BELL & WIER

ANNISTON, ALABAMA

Corner 16th and Railroad Streets

Every line of Goods handled in large enough quantities to make it easy for us to give you the lowest wholesale prices or less. All country produce bought and paid for in cash.

7 pounds of good Soda for 25¢
A 10 qt. Bucket for 15¢
All wool filling jeans for 50¢ a yard
Best cotton checks for 3, 4 and 5¢ a yard
One box Sardines for 4¢
One plug of good Tobacco for 4 cents
For 2 cents you get 12 good Lead Pencils
The best Shoes for 60¢ and up
The best Hats for 32¢ and up
The best Caps for 9¢ and up

In fact in every line of goods our prices are down to

SUIT YOUR FIVE CENT COTTON

ULLMAN BROS.

Holiday Announcement

CHRISTMAS PRICES AND NEW-YEAR RESOLUTIONS

AS TO

Great Bargains in Every Department

As we are now making every effort to enable the people to buy

HOLIDAY PRESENTS

We shall from now on offer the greatest array of array of goods at prices that simply defy competition. We have now

For the Ladies.

38 inch all wool Suiting at 33¢ worth 50¢

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An elegant black or colored all wool suit, frock or sack, from 7.50 to 10.00

The very best in business or dress suit, long cut, latest styles, 12.50 to 16.50

OVERCOATS

Special inducement for 5.00

Excellent coat for 6.50 to 9.00

Extra quality coat, long cut from 10.00 to 16.00



HOLIDAY GOODS

Ladies' Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Table Cloths and Napkins
Bed Linens and Blankets, Domestic and Towels
Everything for Ladies and Children

HOLIDAY GOODS

In Gents' Neckwear, Shirts and Furnishings, Gloves and Handkerchiefs, Collars, Cuffs and Hats
Everything for men and boys
Hamp, Luggage and Tapestry Carpets and a beautiful line of Rugs at low prices

Holiday Goods at Bargain Prices

The business men of Anniston know a good thing when they see it, and have learned that it pays to advertise in the Republican.

We predict that all will pass off quietly in Montgomery, and that no lives will be lost over the inauguration of the Governor.

The doubling of Thomases are even beginning to realize that John T. Morgan is more beloved by the people of Alabama than any other living man.

The controversy between Judge Crook and Wickes as to the Wickes notes will be answered next week by extracts from the records of the court.

In the Democratic congress does nothing else before the fourth of March, it should arrange to complete the Nicaragua canal and have it under the control of this government.

The Montgomery Advertiser made a bad break in its fight against John T. Morgan, for the United States Senate. But fortunately no one was hurt by it except the Advertiser.

BROTHER SMITH has improved the typographical appearance of the Hot Blast for the past few weeks very much. It is now as neatly printed as any paper in the State.

ONLY a few days until the people will learn through his message to congress what President Cleveland has to say in reference to his new financial policy.

THE REPUBLICAN is furnishing the news; and the people are showing their appreciation by subscribing for it. It adds new names to its subscription list nearly every day.

Those who have not already availed themselves of the opportunity to secure the Jacksonville REPUBLICAN and the Atlanta Constitution one year for the low price of \$1.25, should do so at once.

THE present legislature should pass a good state bank law so that Alabama may be in position to reap the benefit of it if congress repeals the prohibitory ten per cent on state banks during its session this winter.

LET the Democrats in the General Assembly in Alabama take the lead in making the amendments to our election law suggested by Governor Jones in his message. Party expediency demands that they do this.

THE people of the county are divided in their opinion as to whether it is best to so change the manner of electing county commissioners as to have each commissioner voted for all over the county instead of their respective districts as at present.

THE Democratic party needs to get back to the old land marks. It needs to close up its file, get together and fight for the same principles for which the party fought when led by Jefferson and Jackson. It has nothing to gain by changing its position on the question of finance. The old time Democracy was good enough for our father, and it is good enough for us.

SAYS The Talladega Mountain Home: "At Pell City Saturday evening D. Carr, John Hays and John Brown, three white men, were on a spree and at about 8 o'clock started for their homes near Easonville. When about one mile from Pell City they had an altercation, when Hays shot Carr through the heart killing him instantly. Brown is in jail in St. Clair, but Hays made his escape from the sheriff Sunday night and up to this time has not been captured."

LAST week in his speech of acceptance of the nomination for the United States Senate, General Morgan had this to say of Alabama's iron interest: "I can mention that single element of power which is supreme above that of any State in the world. In the iron mines alone, to say nothing of your cotton, timber, cereals and fruits, there would be beyond all contradiction a supremacy in the control of the value of iron in the world over. You have in your State industries unequalled anywhere in the world."

In addition to the changes suggested by Gov. Jones to the election law, it should be so amended that any voter on the day of election who makes affidavit that he has lost his registration certificate, or that it has been destroyed, shall have issued by the best registrar a duplicate certificate. Or probably it would be better to authorize the Probate Judge to issue duplicate certificates on filing of proper affidavit in his office. Some provision should also be made by which an elector can vote when he moves from one beat to another after he has registered. These amendments to the law, giving candidates to be elected the right to have their names on the list of voters, would be a great improvement.

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Needles, 2 papers for 5¢
Pins, 2 papers for 5¢
Bonnets from 10¢ up
A lot of Muslin Underwear at 20¢
Men's Drill Drawers at 25¢
Cotton Flannel 50¢ per yard
Gingham 50¢ per yard
Sail Island 50¢ per yard
Darning 70¢ per yard
Thread 2 spools for 5¢
Thread 6 balls for 5¢
Dress Buttons 50¢ a dozen
Lace Curtains 75¢ a pair

Always on hand full lines of wool Dress goods, worsteds, Linseys, waterproof, velvets, plushes, embroideries, laces, ribbons, shoes, hats, umbrellas, etc. It will pay you to see us before buying.

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In fact our entire Stock. This includes a good line of Ladies and Children Shoes, they must be sold regardless of losses. An endless Variety of

HOLIDAY GOODS

at popular prices, to please the little ones. When in the city would be pleased to see you at

RUND'S
THE PEOPLE'S FIRM.
Anniston, Ala.

WINTER

Is fast approaching and with the change you will lay aside your

STRAW HATS AND
SUMMER CLOTHING

and the place to make the change—and the change get the best—is what you should give some thoughts to. Now we have what you need in suits for

MEN

BOYS AND
CHILDRENS'
Dress, Business or Knock-About.

Cut in the Latest Styles.
MADE IN THE BEST MANNER AND
UP-TO-DATE FABRICS.
HATS.

We show an attractive line in Soft, Alpine and Stiff, and in quality can accommodate your purse.

Come to see us. We can please you in

FIT, QUALITY AND PRICE.
C. A. GAMMON & CO.,
Clothiers, Furnishers and Hatters
for Men, Boys and Children

CLOTHING

FOR

EVERYBODY

Never in the history of our business has it been as cheap as now.

Clothing Especial

You will be astonished at the prices we are away below what you have been to paying. Prices are strictly in line with the low prices of cotton.

Would you have the most for your money?

Would you have full value for your money?

Then Come to See

We are offering some extraordinary bargains. Guaranteed all wool Cheviot Suit (all sizes) for 10.00, worth 10.00 to 15.00.

Boys' Combination

Coat with 2 Pair Pants and Cap

\$3.50 TO \$5.00

ALL THE LATEST

STYLES AND CUTS
OVERCOATS

All sizes, grades and prices from 5.00 up

We carry the largest stock of

Underwear and Furnishings

in the City and can suit you both in quality and price.

Our guarantee goes with everything. Your money back if not

satisfactory.

COME TO SEE

THE FA

If the legislature of Alabama will carry out the recommendations of Governor Jones as to the change in our election laws, we believe that it will not only secure fair elections, but will put an end to all this cry of fraud in elections.

The best way is to act honestly and fairly, so let the present legislature of Alabama amend our election law so as that all parties will have proper representation at every voting place in the state, and so as that our elections can be made absolutely fair.

The Democrat of Piedmont is to be congratulated on the splendid municipal ticket it has nominated, which is as follows:

For Mayor, Emmett W. Taddler, for councilmen, W. J. Brock, R. F. Hughes, W. M. Elgin, M. Harden, Charlie Thompson, and John Craig.

HON. GASTON A. ROBINS, after spending a few days in Anniston, left the first of this week for Washington, where he goes to look after the interest of his constituents in the fifty-third and fifty-fourth congress. If he makes as good a record in the future as he has made in the past, he will have a record against which no man can find a fault. Up to now he has properly represented his district.

WHILE in Anniston last Friday, we found the business men of that city hopeful as to the future of the Hotel City and this section of the South. They are not sitting around grumbling, but have gone to work earnestly to secure a sufficient amount of trade from the country to make up for what they lost by the temporary shutting down of the industries in Anniston. They are active, enterprising men, and know how to build up a trade.

MR. J. D. HUNTER has been employed by the commissioners court to prepare a new map of Calhoun county showing perfectly the location of all beat lines, streams, towns, precincts and large landed interests. It has been many years since a map of this kind was published, and so many changes have necessitated the preparation of a new one. Owing to the dull times the court has contracted for the work at an unusually low figure.—Hot Blast.

We have entirely too many elections in Alabama, and we are in favor of so changing the date of our State election as to have it held on the same day as the national election. Then the full vote will be polled. It was clearly shown in the recent congressional election that the people cannot be gotten to the polls when no one is to be voted for except a congressman. Let the present legislature enact this change, and two years from now we will vote to fill every office from constable up to and including the presidency.

BLACK and Watson have settled their controversy in the Tenth Georgia District by agreeing to have a new election. The following is Major Black's proposition, which Watson accepted:

"I will take my commission as a member of the fifty-fourth congress. But I will resign it, the resignation to take effect March 4, 1895, whenever Mr. Watson will agree, within the time allowed by law for notice of contest, to refer the matter back to the people to determine by a new election who shall represent them in the fifty-fourth congress. I name that date, to-wit: March 4, 1895, for three reasons: 1. My term would not commence till then; 2. It is desirable to postpone a new election as long as possible to let feeling subside and in view of a municipal election in Augusta in December and of county elections all over the district in January; 3. It is probable that by that date a new and more satisfactory election law than the present may be enacted."

THE best plan for the assessment of property for taxation has always been a difficult problem to solve. This problem is now before the Alabama Legislature for its solution. It is conceded on all sides that our present plan of assessment is not a success. Under the plan of returning property by the tax payer to the assessor the result is clearly shown that in many instances farming lands in one community is returned for not more than one-half the value placed on the same grade of lands in other communities; and the total value of the property of the state is returned far below the amount for which it should be assessed. But the adoption of a plan of assessment which will be less objectionable than the present plan, is the question with which our law makers are grappling. The most practical bill which has been introduced so far provides for a commission of three in each county, one member to be elected by the commissioners, one to be appointed by the Governor, and the third to be the county tax assessor. The objection to this bill is the creation of two new officials in every county in the state to be paid out of the county treasury. But it is true that if they could succeed in having all the property returned at a reasonable valuation, the counties could well afford to pay the expense of the two extra assessors.

State Court of Jackson county. Al-
I will as guardian of J. H. and E. C.
Matthews, minors, sell at public auc-
tion to the highest bidder, at the Court
house door of Calhoun county, Ala-
on Saturday, the 30d day of November,
1884, the one-third undivided joint
interest of said minors in the follow-
ing-described lands situated near
Jacksonville in said county of Cal-
houn to-wit: S. 24 of Sec. 20, T. 1
R. 8 E. 2 S. 24 of Sec. 20, T. 1 R. 8
E. 2 S. 24 of Sec. 20, T. 1 R. 8 E. 2 S. 24
of said tract, and of the tract of
land above described, also the S. 24
of Sec. 20, T. 1 R. 8 E. 2 S. 24, contain-
ing 32 acres, and the S. 24 of Sec. 20,
T. 1 R. 8 E. 2 S. 24, containing in all
6400 acres.

And the said lands are to be sold
upon credit until the first day of Jan-
uary, 1885.

MATTHEW C. MATTHEWS,
guardian.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST
THE ESTATE OF DANIEL MITCHELL, DECEASED,
ARE REQUESTED TO PRESENT THEM TO THE
UNDERSIGNED, AT HIS OFFICE, IN THE CITY
OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, ON OR BEFORE THE
FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1885.

W. H. MANGRUM,
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TO ALL WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that the undersig-
ned, on or before the 11th day of
November A. D. 1884, made applica-
tion to the Governor of Alabama, to re-
move Daniel Mitchell and of the office of
Grand Larceny, of which, offense
said Daniel Mitchell was convicted
in the Circuit Court of Calhoun coun-
ty, Alabama, at the term of said Court,
on the 1st day of November 1884.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S EYE AND EAR OINTMENT.

IS A CERTAIN REMEDY FOR
GRANULAR EYE, SORE EYELIDS,
EXCESSIVE TEARS, SALT RHEUM AND SCALD. It
CURES PERMANENTLY. For sale by druggists.

FOR ROSES OWNERS.

THE ROSE SHEDS ARE REALLY
THE BEST AND MOST COMPLETE
DAY ROOMS FOR THE FARMER, GARDENER,
OR HOUSEHOLD. They are made of
light and durable material, and are
easily moved.

The show brought quite a large crowd of people to town last Monday. The verdict of those who attended was that it was a very good show for the price of admission.

Miss Hannah Crook returned from Selma last Saturday, and left Monday for Chester, S. C., where she goes to attend the marriage of her cousin, Miss Newton McCraw.

Let the friends of the REPUBLICAN cause remember their neighbors of the fact that they can have sent them one year the Jacksonville REPUBLICAN and the Atlanta Constitution for \$1.25. This is the best offer ever made on newspapers of this country, and we want it to be known to all of those who are in sympathy with the best view of the world.

rejoice with L. B. Mulford, of Plainfield, N. J. His little boy, five years of age, was sick with croup. For two days and nights he tried various remedies recommended by friends and neighbors. He says "I thought sure I would lose him." "I had seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised and thought I would try it as a last hope and, lo! happy to say that after two doses he slept until morning. I gave it to him next day and a cure was effected. I keep this remedy in the house now and as soon as any of my children show signs of croup I give it to them and make the cure in a few days and nights."

The friends of Prof. Glass will be glad to know that he has a school of fifty pupils and expects still more.

Mr. Frank Wakefield has improved the appearance of his place by the addition of a new front porch.

BRUNER.

Several citizens of this community speak of going to Texas this winter.

There were only three bales of cotton shipped from Hank's place last week. When the river is favorable to the boats, the bales will come down.

There are some who will migrate to the south.

Rev. C. H. Smith of White Plains High School, preached a most eloquent sermon on last Sunday night at the Methodist church.

Rev. T. G. Slaughter, the Presbyterian Elder of the Amundson District for the past four years, will leave for the past four years, will leave for this year, and Oxford will miss him as a great citizen and the District will miss him as a man-minded, noble, devout Christian.

Rev. H. S. Hamilton has been with us for two years, and the reputation of justice and people has been very pleasant.

Messrs. P. K. Thompson & Co., dealers in clothing and goods, have just received a large stock of goods and are now open for business.

Two of our citizens, in need of a
went off with the show folks
as actors though. One was an
man named Baxter, and the
era young man, Avil Camp,
to having left his wife, had no
is to bind him here.

WEAVERS.

Prof. Alexander's school opened
Monday with flattering pros-
pects. He thinks by next week he
will enroll 10 pupils. This set-
tling well, and the community
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The man who shoots into the commissioners court of Calhoun County stirs up a hornet's nest and may expect to get stung.

Congress is now in session and the Democrats still have an opportunity to redeem the pledges made in the Chicago platform.

Both Oates and Kolb have been sworn in as Governor. So both Democrat and Populist ought now to be satisfied and quit quarreling.

The Gadsden papers pronounce Hon. John M. Caldwell a success as a lecturer. His lecture on "John" was highly appreciated by the Gadsdenites.

For originality of expression Commissioner Coker takes the cake. Who ever before heard of a man not being fit for anything except to "suck buzzard eggs"?

One of the most important measures to be considered by the present congress is the construction of the Nicaragua canal. The completion of this canal would give the South more prosperity than any thing that could possibly be done.

WILSON congressman Black resigns his seat in March in order to have a new election, it said that he will be opposed by one of Augusta's prominent citizens for the nomination. Some of his friends are mad because he agreed to resign.

The Oxford Enterprise has been very much improved under its present management. It is now one of our best local papers, and will prove a valuable aid in attracting the attention of the outside world to the natural resources of Calhoun county.

ALABAMA with her unequalled resources is predestined to forge to the front in all that is unique and progressive, and now leads her sister states by having two real live Governors at the same time. Great is Alabama, and great are her two Governors in the hearts of their respective supporters.

The people of Alabama will now have an opportunity of keeping an eye on both the proceedings of our state and national law makers. Let us hope that in the wisdom of the two assemblies we will receive a sound state bank law which will enable us to increase the amount of money now in circulation, and give us a better system of finance than we have at present.

THAT there have been frauds and irregularities in the management of elections on the part of Democrats, as well as of the other parties in Alabama, no man can afford to deny; and the man who believes it is treason to the Democratic party to make this confession and insist that our elections should be honestly conducted in the future, does not understand the Democratic party and people of Alabama. The great army of Democrats in this State favor honest methods in elections, and Governor Jones properly represented the Democratic people when he insisted on such changes in our election law as will insure fair elections.

THE Cherokee Sentinel, populist, in its issue of last week, copied an editorial from the Jacksonville Republican, in regard to the "frauds" that have been committed by the democratic party, and endorsed heartily what it says upon the subject, and its comments complimented that heretofore staunch old democratic journal for its honesty and candor in admitting and confessing the truth. Now while the inquirer believes that fraud has been committed by all parties in hotly contested elections and while it condemns all such practices in any and every party, it does not believe nor will it admit that the democratic party is any more guilty of such a crime than those who oppose it, and, in fact not as much so; and compliments from such a source as the Sentinel, and for such sentiments as it approves in a democratic paper, which never expects to merit them!—Piedmont Inquirer.

THE REPUBLICAN has never said that the Democratic party alone committed fraud in the management of elections; but as a Democratic newspaper it has insisted that the Democratic members of the General Assembly should take the lead in legislation to secure honest elections in Alabama.

As a Democrat, what we have had to say in reference to the changes suggested by Gov. Jones to our present election law has been directed to the Democratic members of the legislature.

All that we have had to say in condemning fraud in the management of elections, and in favor of a pure ballot, we repeat, and do not object to having the Cherokee Sentinel, or any other paper in the State of Alabama, endorse our efforts in favor of fair and honest elections.

The time has come when party expediency demands that the Democratic party allow no other party to be more earnest in its efforts to secure fair elections. The Democrats started the reform two years ago when they enacted the present election law, and they should now carry forward the reform commenced by making the amendments suggested by Governor Jones.

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The death of Hon. Jos. E. Brown in Atlanta last week closed the career of one of the most remarkable men Georgia has ever produced. His biography reads like a romance. Starting out into life without money or family influence, he amassed one of the largest private fortunes of any man in Georgia, and Georgia in all her history honored few of her illustrious citizens as she did this man who started into the world unknown to fame or fortune. He was first honored with a place in the State Senate, and afterwards successively to the superior court bench, to the Governorship for four successive terms, chief justice of the supreme court of Georgia, and finally sent to the United States Senate.

For the encouragement of young men who are struggling to secure an education, we copy the following from the biography of ex-Governor Brown:

At the age of eighteen he emigrated with his father to Union county, Georgia. In the heart of a beautiful valley, enclosed by the Blue Ridge mountains, they settled at Gaddistown, a place that was destined to figure among the historic villages of the state and to appropriate the distinction that it subsequently gained of being the home of Georgia's political hero and phenomenon.

Penniless, at this period of his life, his only capital at the beginning of his career in Georgia was granite will, a definite purpose and a genius supplemented by a Roman's honor. Before reaching his maturity he obtained his father's consent to extend his education. The latter, however, was too poor to gratify his son's ambition by contributing to this end and his slender means permitted him to go no further than to provide him with a lot of home-made clothing and a yoke of oxen.

Thus equipped he set out from his home in the mountains to begin the struggle of life and first of all, to complete his education. Perhaps the most striking picture presented in the long and eventful career of Senator Brown is the unique appearance of this sturdy yet resolute and determined young man, as he mounts his team of oxen and begins the journey of life on the steep declivities of the Blue Ridge!

The objective point of his journey was the Calhoun academy, in Anderson district, South Carolina. Reaching his destination, he traded his oxen for eight months' board and obtained his schooling on credit. At the expiration of this time he returned to Georgia for the purpose of feeding his resources and by teaching for three months, he provided himself with enough money to resume his studies at the academy. On account of his slender means he was not able to avail himself of a college education, but remained at the academy as long as he was permitted by his resources to enjoy the privileges of that modest institution of learning.

In 1844 he returned to Georgia and opened an academy at Canton. In this way he realized enough money to pay off the debt incurred by his education. Beginning with only six pupils, the school continued to grow in popularity until sixty scholars were enrolled by the end of the year. After school hours the young preceptor took up the study of law and faithfully applied himself to the acquisition of such knowledge as might aid him materially in laying the foundation of his life's profession.

Giving up his school he continued his studies, at the same time securing the position of tutor to the children of Dr. John W. Lewis, in consideration of his board. The friendship existing between Dr. Lewis and Senator Brown continued through life, and the senator made frequent provision for his old friend, making him superintendent of the state road and afterwards appointing him to the office of senator during the confederacy.

During the summer of 1845 Mr. Brown was admitted to the bar. He passed a thorough examination and was warmly congratulated by the presiding judge of the circuit. At this term of the court he delivered his maiden speech and earned his first laurels as a young practitioner. His style was clear, lucid and simple and his manner perfectly cool and self-poised. He possessed the oratory of common sense, and his speech was full of the eloquence of reason. He understood the feelings of the people and knew how to address a jury of plain, honest and simple countrymen. His speech impressed the court as well as the jury box and the fame of the young lawyer was securely established among his friends and neighbors.

A WASHINGTON telegram says: It is understood that Mr. George W. Wilson, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will soon be succeeded by a Democrat. The appointment is said to have been offered to Mr. M. L. Wood of Selma, Ala. Mr. Wilson is one of the last of a number of prominent Republicans who are holding over from the Harrison administration, and has proved himself an efficient and valuable public official, whose place is not easily filled.

In the upper and lower portion of Calhoun are to have a little wreath over the extension of the Anniston City Court, let it be a friendly contest. It does no good to get mad and stir up bad blood over a question of this character.

CLOTHING

FOR

EVERYBODY

Never in the history of our business have we been as cheap as now.

Clothing Especially

You will be astonished at the prices we offer, for they are away below what you have been accustomed to paying. Prices are strictly in keeping with the low prices of cotton.

Would you have the most for your money?

Would you have full value for all you pay?

Then Come to See Us.

We are offering some extraordinary bargains now. Guaranteed all wool Cheviot Suit (all sizes) for 6.50 to 10.00, worth 10.00 to 15.00.

Boys' Combination Suits,

Coat with 2 Pair Pants and Cap to Match

\$3.50 TO \$5.00.

ALL THE LATEST

STYLES AND CUTS.

OVERCOATS.

All sizes, grades and prices from 5.00 up.

We carry the largest stock of

Underwear and Furnishing Goods

in the City and can suit you both in quality and price.

Our guarantee goes with everything. Your money back if not satisfactory.

COME TO SEE US

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Clothiers and Hatters

Cor. Noble & 10th Sts. Anniston, Ala.

The Tariff Makes a Difference

IN THE PRICES

OF OUR DRESS GOODS

Among the many special values we will mention 38 and 40 inch Pure Wool Plaid Suitings. These goods moved well last year at 45c. This year we offer a full line of colors at 35c.

38 INCH
all wool Serges in Black and Colors. We carried this line last year and found them good sellers at 60c. This year they go at 45c.

38 AND 40 INCH
Scotch mixtures in all wool and raw silk. The styles are fashionable and attractive.

PRICE 50C.
Our line of higher cost goods is very complete. Black goods are especially good this season and we have them.

AGENT FOR BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS.
W. T. WILLSON,
Anniston, Alabama.

Three Fine Presents

TO BE GIVEN

Away Christmas.

Each cash purchaser of 50 cents, will be entitled to a ticket.

1st. Diamond and Ruby Ring.
2nd. Handsome Guitar.
3rd. Fine Gold Pen.

Call and see them. New Goods. Prices right. Fine watch work, engraving and manufacturing.

HENRY ROBINSON,
Jeweler and Optician.
Old Security Bldg. Cor. Noble and 11th streets. Anniston, Ala.

Ansley Pays the Freight.

ON ALL SHOES AND HATS.

Bought of him by the people of Jacksonville and vicinity. Try me with an order, or call in person when in Anniston and examine my stock.

Goods Sent Upon Approval.
O. E. ANSLEY.

M. F. DOERING,

(SUCCESSOR TO ROBINSON & ROBINSON.)

Leading Jeweler.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Spectacles, Glasses.

Fine Watch and Jewelry Repairing and Engraving.

SEND ME YOUR WORK.

My prices are lower than elsewhere.

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ANNISTON, ALA.

Prepared to do all kind of watch and clock work. Makes a specialty of Fine Watches and French Clocks. Thoroughly familiar with the complication of the French Clock. It work guaranteed.

oct20-6m.

Final Settlement.

STATE OF ALABAMA.
In Probate Court of said County Special Term 34 day of December 1914.

This day came W. D. Giddens, Adm'r of the estate of J. H. Giddens, deceased, and filed his account and vouchers for a final settlement of his administration of said estate. The court on said 34th day of December 1914, ordered that the said account and vouchers be audited by the court on the 31st day of January 1915, and that notice thereof be given by publication in the Anniston Free Press, a newspaper published in said county, as a notice to all persons concerned to appear in this court on said 31st day of January 1915, to object to said account and vouchers, if they think proper. If they think proper, they should not be granted.

EMMETT F. CROOK,
Judge of Probate.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
A gift from the publisher to the readers of the Calhoun. A copy of the paper for the month of December will be sent to every subscriber who has paid for the paper for the year 1914.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.
See list of Tax Assessor's appointments in this issue.
Dr. Rowan returned from New York last Monday.
John J. Wells has been a visitor to Montgomery this week.
Miss Jennie Wyle is visiting friends and relatives in Anniston.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church Sunday morning.
Dr. Lane's subject will be the most important of the year.
Rev. Geo. D. Harris of Piedmont, was a visitor to Jacksonville last Saturday.
Mrs. T. J. Cason of Anniston, was up on a visit to her parents Friday of last week.

We are gratified to learn that Mr. Treadway has made a splendid new home as county treasurer.
J. M. House, the photographer who has been in Jacksonville for the past few weeks, has gone to Talladega.
Henry Shelton, son of Commissioner Shelton, has been sick in Texas for several weeks, and will return home in a few days.

We commend Rev. J. H. Leslie to the good people of Oxford as an older worthy of their confidence, respect and support. We regret to give him up.
Miss Lucy Woodruff is teaching a school near Pike Landford's. She is well qualified as a teacher, and we are glad to learn that she has a good school.
S. R. Wilkerson leaves today for Texas to attend the trial of his brother who is charged with murder. From what we gather of the facts in the case, his brother will almost certainly be acquitted.

Col. John H. Caldwell and H. L. Stevenson, Esq., have been in Montgomery this week to represent the upper portion of the county in protesting against increasing the jurisdiction of the Anniston City Court so as to include all the beats in the county.
Married in Jacksonville last Wednesday evening, Mr. Fred Stripes of Ohio, to Miss Edith McCluskey. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Nisbet. The wedding was attended by a large number of the relatives and friends of the bride and groom. The honeymooners extend best wishes.

EDUCATION

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Corner 15th and Railroad Streets.

Every line of Goods handled in large enough quantities to make it easy for us to give you the lowest wholesale prices or less. All country produce bought and paid for in cash.

7 pounds of good Soda for 25c.
A 10 qt. Bucket for 13c.
All wool filling Jeans for 20c a yard.
Best cotton checks for 3, 4 and 5c a yard.
One box Sardines for 4c.
One plug of good Tobacco for 4 cents.
For 2 cents, you get 2 good Lead Pencils.
The best Shoes for 60c and up.
The best Hats for 32c and up.
The best Caps for 9c and up.

In fact in every line of goods our prices are down to

SUIT YOUR FIVE CENT COTTON.

ULLMAN BROS.

Holiday Announcement

CHRISTMAS PRICES AND NEW-YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

AS TO

Great Bargains in Every Department.

As we are now making every effort to enable the people to buy

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

We shall from now on offer the greatest array of array of goods at prices that simply defy competition. We have now



For the Ladies.

38 inch all wool Suiting at 33c worth 50c.
54 inch Ladies Cloth at 48c worth 65c.
All wool mixed Cheviot Suiting 40c worth 50c.
Wool and silk mixed fancy suiting 75c worth 90c.
A special assortment of dress goods 20c, 25c and 30c.

Wraps and Cloaks.

A nice stylish Cape as low as \$1.75 and up to 16.50.
Special inducements in Capes and walking Jackets, \$5.00 to \$7.50.

For the Little Folk.

Everything in the way of Wraps, Gloves, Underwear, Hosiery and Handkerchiefs.

FOR THE BOYS.

A special inducement. An extra pair of Pants and a Cap with each suit. These suits are from \$3.00 to \$4.50. Double Knee and Seats, Boys Suits from \$2.50 to \$3.00.

FOR THE MEN.

Black Cheviot woolen suit for \$5.00, seal value 7.50.
An elegant black or colored all wool suit, frock or sack, from 7.50 to 10.00.
The very best in business or dress suit, long cut, latest styles, 12.50 to 16.50.

OVERCOATS.

Special inducement for 5.00.
Excellent coat for 6.50 to 9.00.
Extra quality coat, long cut from 10.00 to 16.00.



HOLIDAY GOODS

Ladies' Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Table Cloths and Napkins.
Bed Linens and Blankets, Domestic and Towels.
Everything for Ladies and Children.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

In Gents' Neckwear, Shirts and Furnishings, Gloves and Handkerchiefs, Collars, Cuffs and Hats.
Everything for men and boys.
Hemp, Ingrain and Tapestry Carpets and a beautiful line of Rugs at low prices.

Holiday Goods at Bargain Prices at
ULLMAN BROS.
ANNISTON.

A BILL has been introduced in the legislature by Mr. Deason to abolish the city court of Gadsden.

MOBILE now has a Democratic postmaster. Col. John L. Rapier of the Register was appointed to that position by the President last week.

PLEASE do us the favor to tell your neighbor that he can get the Jacksonville Republican and the Atlanta Constitution one year for the low price of \$1.25.

THE Woodstock Tread Company has been reorganized, and we hope it will not be long before the fires will be rekindled in all the industries in the Model City.

WHEN Alabama reduces the constitutional area of square miles to the county to four hundred, then many of the towns which want court houses can be accommodated.

THE people from all sections of the Union are expressing an interest in the Nicaragua canal bill now before the United States Senate, and all regard Senator Morgan as the best authority on all questions involved in the construction of this canal.

THE Southern and Western men in both the House and Senate are disposed to take Mr. Carlisle's plan and enact a new currency law, but the eastern men do not look upon it with so much favor. After this week a pretty clear idea can be had as to what legislation will be had on the financial question.

SMALLER counties, more county sites, will wonderfully enhance the value of property in Alabama, and will bring new men and new money from other States. We are heartily in favor of the bill which has passed the Senate reducing the constitutional area of square miles to the county in Alabama to four hundred instead of six hundred.

LET all classes of men in the county lend their influence toward putting Calhoun on an agricultural boom for 1895. While the organization of the Agricultural Society next month is for the benefit of the farmers, yet the lawyers, the merchants, the doctors, the bankers, the teachers, the real estate agents, the preachers, the manufacturers, the State and county officials, the editors, can all help to make it a success and by next fall have a nice little county fair.

THE Populists of Calhoun county are taking rather a singular position in reference to the proposed increased jurisdiction of the Anniston City Court. They are circulating and signing the following petition addressed to Senator Porter and Representatives Kelly and Scarborough:

We your petitioners of the Populist party, ask of you to have passed the bill you introduced to extend the jurisdiction of the Anniston City Court, and to have the county commissioners elected by the entire vote of the county. We make this request for the reason we told the Democrats you would do these things before you were elected. They said, No sir, they will not for they have promised not to do it if we elect them. The passage of these bills will show all the Democratic party makes promises for is to get into office, and will verify our prediction.

WE are requested to state that there will be a meeting of the farmers of Calhoun county in the court house in Jacksonville on the first Saturday in January, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of organizing an Agricultural Society for Calhoun county.

All the farmers in the county who feel an interest in the organization, and who desire to improve the agricultural and stock interests of the county, are requested to attend.

There is no question but great good can be accomplished by such an organization. Every farmer can derive benefit by an exchange of opinion with other farmers as to the best mode of improving land, planting and raising crops and taking care of stock.

At the different experiment stations in the South, discoveries are being made annually that are of the greatest benefit to the farmers, and unfortunately but few of these discoveries are being made known to the masses. Through the means of the proposed agricultural society, the people can keep posted on the experiments made at these stations.

One of the questions which will no doubt be discussed early in the organization of the society is the question of terracing, which is of vital interest in saving and improving the lands of this section. By proper management, our farm lands instead of being gradually worn out, can be improved, and the yield per acre increased annually.

FRESH NEW GOODS.

Instead of running our stock off as is usual at this season of the year, we are compelled to keep goods coming all the time.

Every department is brightened up this week by the addition of NEW GOODS. If you want fresh, bright goods, just from the mills, come to us.

It goes without saying prices must be right, or we would not not be doing the business.

We are not undersold by any one and in nine cases out of ten we undersell all our competitors.

Everything in the READY MADE line is made in our store, we guarantee quality, sizes and prices.

Every in Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Trunks, etc., is kept at

LIPPMAN'S,
Mfrs of Bonnets, Muslin Underwear, Etc.
Anniston, Ala.

RUND'S REMOVAL SALE.

Finding our present quarters too small, we have leased the adjoining building which, after being remodelled will be occupied by us after the Holidays and in order to clear up and reduce our present stock we offer our entire line of

Millinery, Woolens, Cotton Checks, Blankets, Dress Goods, Sheetings, Hosiery, Comforts.

In fact our entire Stock. This includes a good line of Ladies and Children's Shoes, they must be sold regardless of losses. An endless variety of

HOLIDAY GOODS
at popular prices to please the little ones. When in the city would be pleased to see you at
RUND'S,
THE PEOPLES FIRM,
Anniston, Ala.
1028 Noble St.,

WINTER

Is fast approaching and with the change you will lay aside your
STRAW HATS AND SUMMER CLOTHING,
and the place to make the change is—**Anniston**—the change get the best—is what you should give some thoughts to. Now we have what you need in suits for
MEN.

BOYS AND CHILDRENS'
Dress, Business or Knocks About.

Cut in the Latest Styles.
MADE IN THE BEST MANNER AND UP-TO-DATE FABRICS.
HATS,

We show an attractive line in Soft Alpine and Stiff, and in quality can accommodate your purse.

Come to see us. We can please you in

FIT, QUALITY AND PRICE.
C. A. GAMMON & CO.,
Clothiers, Furnishers and Hatters
for Men, Boys and Children.
928 Noble St., Anniston, Ala.

CAPT KOLB has issued certificate of election to Warren S. Reese to the United States Senate.

WALL street is again withdrawing gold from the treasury in order to create the necessity for an other issuance of bonds.

The joint resolution to reduce the area of counties to four hundred square miles passed the Senate by a vote of 20 to 10.

If you have not already taken advantage of the very liberal offer of a years subscription to the Jacksonville Republican and the Atlanta Constitution for \$1.25, you should do so at once.

THE REPUBLICAN is "protected" from dirt and trash in its office by twin devils. Probably this is the unusual "protection" to which some of its neighbors have recently referred.

OUR congressmen must certainly know that a do-nothing plan for several months will not help the Democratic party in 1895. We had too much of that kind of foolishness last year.

First what we can gather, a majority of the people of Calhoun county are opposed to the proposed change in the election of county commissioners. The present plan has worked well, and we think if let alone it will continue to prove satisfactory to the people of the county. This is the wrong time for too many local innovations.

THE Democrats in Congress should certainly realize that this is no time for quarrelling or unnecessary delay. They should get together at once and enact a currency law that will afford financial relief to the country. If they can't agree on the free and unlimited coinage of silver, then adopt such a modification of Mr. Carlisle's currency plan as they can agree on, and enact it into law at once.

SINCE the last issue of the REPUBLICAN Hon. R. B. Kelly has introduced the following bills in the legislature:

To amend section 2310 of the code relating to venue in civil cases.
To make the husband or wife of the defendant a competent witness for the defendant in criminal prosecutions.

To constitute the town of Oxford a separate school district.
To authorize an issue of bonds by the town of Oxford.

With question very much as to whether any better disposition can be made of the convicts than to keep them in the mines. It is all very nice to talk about moving them out of the mines so as that they will not come in contact with free labor, but it is not so nice to think of taking the hard earned money of tax payers to support criminals. We are in favor of working the convicts so as to make them self-supporting, and it is impossible to do this without bringing them in contact to some extent with free labor. The working of them in the mines has been a financial success, and while the free negroes object seriously to this plan, yet it is simply impossible to adopt any plan by which they will be self-supporting to which some class of laborers will not object. We think our law makers should consider well before making any change in the management of the convicts in this State.

THE bill now pending before the General Assembly of Alabama to prohibit the sale of any patent medicine in the State unless it has its formula printed on every bottle, or passed will afford no protection to the medical profession or the people.

Of all the humbugs in the way medicines offered to the public over the counters of drug stores, there is none greater than those known as non-secret preparations. These are manufactured by some shrewd concerns whose names do not appear on the bottle, but have printed on them the name of the retail druggist who offers them for sale. Making it appear that the preparation is manufactured by the local druggist, thus bearing a lie on the face of every bottle.

They also have printed on the wrapper what is said to be the formula of the non-secret preparation, but no reputable physician can be found who will dare risk one of these preparations even if it is said it contains just the ingredients desired.

If the bill now before the legislature becomes a law, the effect will simply be that these non-secret nostrums will take the place of the patent medicines, and of the two, the patent medicines are preferable.

We think the legislature should defeat the bill pending. If it wants to bring about a genuine reform in the use of medicines, let it pass a bill prohibiting the sale of any compounded preparation except on the prescription of a physician. Nothing less than this is of any value as a protection to the people. In fact, we believe the bill introduced by Mr. Whitten would, if passed, prove hurtful to both the medical profession and the people by substituting the non-secret preparations instead of the patent medicines. In our opinion, the latter is much preferable to the former.

CLOTHING

FOR

EVERYBODY.

Never in the history of our business have goods been as cheap as now.

Clothing Especially.

You will be astonished at the prices we offer, for they are away below what you have been accustomed to paying. Prices are strictly in keeping with the low prices of cotton.

Would you have the most for your money?

Would you have full value for all you pay?

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We are offering some extraordinary bargains now. Guaranteed all wool Cheviot Suit (all sizes) for 6.50 to 10.00, worth 10.00 to 15.00.

Boys' Combination Suits,

Coat with 2 Pair Pants and Cap to Match

\$3.50 TO \$5.00.

ALL THE LATEST

STYLES AND CUTS. OVERCOATS.

All sizes, grades and prices from 5.00 up.

We carry the largest stock of

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in the City and can suit you both in quality and price.

Our guarantee goes with everything. Your money back if not satisfactory.

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THE FAMOUS,

Clothiers and Hatters

Cor Noble & 10th Sts. Anniston, Ala.

Anniston's Leading Business Houses

FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS

We offer great variety in
Fine Dress Goods,
Cloaks and Capes,
Carpets,
Rugs,
Curtains,
Oriental Curtains and hangings,
Japanese Screens,
Basels,
Fine Porcelains,
Lacquer Ware,
Art Linens, all shapes and styles,
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Umbrellas.

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ANNISTON, ALA.

Three Fine Presents
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Away Christmas.

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1st. Diamond and Ruby Ring.
 2nd. Handsome Guitar.
 3rd. Fine Gold Pen.

Call and see them. New Goods. Prices right. Fine watch work, engraving and manufacturing.

HENRY ROBINSON,
 Jeweler and Optician.
 Old Security Bank, Cor. Noble and 11th streets. Anniston, Ala.

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 Pays the
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ON ALL SHOES AND HATS
 Bought of him by the people of Jacksonville and vicinity.
 Try me with an order, or call in person when in Anniston and examine my stock.

Goods Sent Upon Approval.
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M. F. DOERING,
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Leading Jeweler
 Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silver-ware, Spectacles, Glasses.

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SEND ME YOUR WORK
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SALT RHEUM often appears in cold weather, attacking the palms of the hands and other parts of the body. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, cures salt rheum.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best after-dinner pills, assist digestion, cure headache, etc.

NOTICE.
 We desire all who owe us to come and settle, as we desire to close up this year's business.
CROW BROTHERS.

For sale cheap—One solid oak, roller top office desk, and office chair to match. Inquire at this office.

I have mammoth Bronze Turkeys to sell at \$3.00 per pair from now until the 15th of Dec. After that they will be worth more.
 Miss Ida Dickinson,
 Mack, Ala.

E. M. REID, J. P.
 MORRISVILLE, ALA.
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Children Cry for Fitcher's Castoria.

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Don't wait until too late, and the stocks are all picked over before you buy your Christmas presents. Don't delay another day, but send for our Catalogue, which we will forward free.

J. P. STEVENS & BRO.
 Jewelers,
 47 Whitehall St. Atlanta, Ga.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Since the heavy rains this week there will not be such a scarcity of well water.

W. H. Standifer, Esq., of Gadsden, was here last Tuesday on legal business.

Henry Edwards had the misfortune to have one of his fine mules die last Sunday.

Ed C. Watson of Birmingham, was here this week entertaining our business men.

Hon. James Crook and Rev. M. H. Lane, D. D., have been visitors to Atlanta this week.

Rev. W. L. Mellichamp will preach at the Episcopal church next Sunday morning.

Owing to a change in my business soon, I will not extend any more accounts.

Mrs. Kate Jelks, of Gadsden, was here last Tuesday on legal business.

Misses Minnie and Lillie Weems went down to Anniston last Saturday on a visit to their sister.

Mrs. M. H. Lane has returned from a very pleasant visit to relatives and friends in Sparta, Ga.

The new road from here to White Plains will soon be completed, and we learn will be one of the best roads in the county.

We want to call your attention to our Bicycle Hose for Boys, Girls and Ladies the best in the market for the money, at Mrs. Kate Jelks.

Look over the Jacksonville Republican and the Atlanta Constitution and then send in \$1.25 and get the two papers for one year.

If you have not already accepted the proposition to get the Republican and Constitution one year for \$1.25, then do so at once.

Mrs. KATE JELKS has all wool nice black Dress goods and colors that we are selling very cheap, for cash only.

In looking over The Times, the class paper of Shorter College, we got that one of its finest contributions is from the pen of Miss Louise Lane.

Last Wednesday morning there were eight car loads of cotton seed standing on the side track at the Southern depot for the Jacksonville Oil Mill Co.

At Mrs. KATE JELKS, you will find all shades in Zephyrs, cheaper than ever before. Also, showing out: Saxony and knitting wool.

"Only a little more than a week until Christmas." It is time the little ones were getting their stockings darned so as that they will hold the sweet things Santa Claus brings.

Rev. J. H. Leslie and family moved down to Oxford last Thursday. We regret to have them leave Jacksonville, and are glad that they are to be so near us for another year.

A nice line of plain and hand painted Flower Pots, very cheap to go next week, at Mrs. Kate Jelks.

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You know that we sell Millinery cheaper than any house in the country. At Mrs. KATE JELKS.

Joe H. Francis of New York, who is in Jacksonville to spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

We learn from the Hot Blast that ex-Representative Cooper is seriously ill at his home in Ocala.

Mr. J. A. Gaboury was called back to Macon last Wednesday by a telegram announcing the illness of Mrs. Gaboury.

Mrs. Kate Jelks is selling Capes and children Cloaks very low and Ladies Jackets for less than they cost as we will not handle such goods any longer this season.

Mrs. John M. Caldwell and children of Anniston, have been spending the week here with the family of Col. John H. Caldwell.

Mr. C. D. Martin, after being away several weeks on railroad building for the Chattanooga Southern, returned to Jacksonville last Thursday.

Those who want to apply to the county commissioners for work on the public roads, will do well to read notice in this issue giving date when the route will be let.

Misses Minnie and Lillie Weems, two charming young ladies of Jacksonville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. T. J. Cason, on East Thirteenth street—Hot Blast.

Rev. J. W. Newman, D. D., the new Presiding Elder for this District, was formerly a pastor in Anniston, and is well known to many of the people in this county.

Mrs. G. G. Frank returned last Thursday from an extended visit to Birmingham. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Montgomery, who spent some time in Jacksonville.

Lippman of Anniston, is constantly relieving and making new goods. His goods are of the best quality and are sold at the lowest prices. He can save you money in your purchases.

Go to Mrs. Kate Jelks to get your X-mas Goods Saturday. We will have in a half wagon load of Dolls, from 5 to 500 apiece, and many other things that we cannot mention.

Thos. W. Francis is his own miller. R. E. Suttley who has had charge of his mill for the past year will soon take charge of the old mill owned by Rev. E. M. Truaway.

Rev. M. N. Morris will fill his first appointment at the Methodist church next Sunday. He comes through the country from Alexandria. His family will arrive about the 20th of this month.

We direct attention to the change in the advertisement of W. L. Lane, Anniston. He keeps one of the finest stocks of goods in Alabama and when shopping in Anniston you should not fail to call and see him.

Let all the farmers in the county who have no horses in the county, to come to the fair on the 10th, 11th and 12th inst. and see the horses and for his part's sake, he is as good as dead.

The Southern hotel of Chattanooga, which was leased for three years by W. A. Camp, was destroyed by fire last Monday evening. Since Mr. Camp went to Chattanooga from Anniston he had succeeded in working up a good business for the Southern, and the burning is a great loss to him.

For rheumatism I have found nothing equal to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It relieves the pain as soon as applied. J. W. Young, West Liberty, W. Va. The prompt relief it affords is alone worth many times the cost. 50 cents.

Miss Emma Linder has returned home after a pleasant visit of several months to Jacksonville, Ala., and Columbus, Ga. Miss Linder reports a very pleasant visit; is enjoying superb health, and her friends say that her charming personality is greatly improved.

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Mr. J. A. Gaboury spent a few days with his friends here this week. He remarks that he is, in a small city. Write me and I will tell you more.

Selling machines for \$20. All kinds of needles. R. E. Fitcher, Anniston, Ala.

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For sale cheap—One beautiful oak folding bed, with french plate glass mirror front. Inquire at this office.

Children Cry for Fitcher's Castoria.

A Million Friends

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found just such a friend in Fitcher's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, one trial will convince you that it is a wonderful curative power over all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money refunded. Trial bottles free sent the drug stores. Large bottles 50 cents.

COUNTY NEWS

FROM ALL SECTIONS OF CALHOUN.

GATHERED BY THE REPUBLICAN'S ABLE CORPS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

Choccolocco.

As times are hard, I would like to offer a few suggestions to farmers, being a farmer myself.

I think this the time above all times when farmers should organize. In the first place, we should organize against King cotton.

Cotton has been King so long that it is hard to keep him from lordship over us. We should show him that he is no longer King, but a servant to us.

In the second place, we should organize against poverty. Poverty and destitution are a lot of us and cause us to neglect our best interest. I believe farmers should be organized and have their stated meetings as do other organizations, and I think we should have political ones of our organizations as do lawyers, doctors and editors in their organizations. They meet and discuss the interest of their profession, and we should meet and discuss our interest as farmers.

I tell you, brother farmers, if we will come together and have our organization and discuss the interest of our vocation, we will be the most independent people in this country. But as long as we go groveling along in our blindness we will be slaves.

I venture the assertion that there are not six farmers in the county who have kept books against their farms, or can tell what their cotton, corn, hogs, or other farm products have cost them. This is not true with our own advantage. They can tell you whether they are making or losing money.

Too many are like one of my neighbor farmers. He said he bought ten bales cotton and thought he came out very well. I suggested that we figure and see. The ten bales, averaging five hundred pounds, cost him five cents per pound, brought \$250. He used seventeen sacks of seed which cost \$12.50. He paid one-third rent. He hired a hand which cost him \$60. He hired his cotton picked at 35 cents per 100 lb. He had 200 bushels of cotton seed, and deducting his expenses, not counting anything for his labor or expense of living, he had \$17.50 left and when his cotton was sold he had \$100.00. He had two horses and for his part's sake, he is as good as dead.

We are nearly all in the same condition of this farmer. We do not know our whereabouts.

Now let's organize and try and come out better. If we cannot organize, let's then write and give our views as how to make more cotton, corn, hogs, chickens, turkeys, etc. for the year, and confidence in the editor of the Republican will take notice in printing anything that will help the farmers of this county.

Wetters.

The long dry spell has been broken at last and the water carrier is glad.

Comparatively little rain has fallen this year here, but what did fall came at the right time to make crops rise and leave the soil in good condition for another crop.

If we can only manage to satisfy old obligations, then we will, I believe, and we may yet be independent. Let us hope and take no chance.

Many of the sweet potatoes in this vicinity have recently rotted.

More people are moving and will move this winter than usual.

Several farms have lost hogs recently with guinea of cholera. So remedies as to relieve them.

A few hogs well taken care of better than a big lot poorly cared for. The same rule applies to all stock.

Merredith.

Merredith, on the 8th inst., at the residence of J. H. Smith, William Moore of Wetters, and Miss Emma Herold, Esquire Dowell, all being.

At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 9th inst., E. B. Stephens of Wetters, Capt. Miss Della Sewell, Miss Della Sewell, Miss Della Sewell, all being.

On the night of the 8th inst., the store of W. D. Nixon of this place, was burglarized. A considerable amount of goods taken from the store. The post office and express office were in the same building, and about eight dollars in stamps were taken from the post office, and a watch from the express office.

The entrance is estimated at \$1000. No clue as to the thieves has been discovered as yet.

The ordination of Rev. Thos. W. Francis to the ministry will take place on the first Sunday in November at the Friendship church. He is a young man, who has been in the ministry for some time.

The farmers of this county will kill their own hogs next year, having more than any other county.

Oxford.

Our townsmen Josh and James Draper are in South Carolina at the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Wood, who is not expected to live.

The frosty mornings of last week caused several of our citizens to butcher their hogs, and now the warm rainy weather threatens to destroy it.

Messrs. P. K. Thompson & Co., who assigned the first of the month, have postponed their doors and are selling for the season.

Dr. E. D. Williams, who has been at home for several days, returned to his Minnesota home Monday.

The low price of cotton has caused our merchants to take care of collections, and they are taking and shipping it as there is more than is needed for home use in this section.

Mr. Geo. Orr, a pupil in Oxford College, returned to his home in Aetowah, Ga., this week and in a few days will lead to Hymen's Altar one of Aetowah's fairest daughters.

Mr. W. D. Wright of Silver Run, who moved his family to Texas last fall and who was here on a visit, took sick with pneumonia and died this week. His sons, Walter of Louisville, Ky., and Elbert of Louisville, Ga., and his wife of Texas, were at his bedside when he died.

Jenkins.

To-day of all days for a long time is the busiest. Many who were out of water are now jumping over it, while others are leaping. Those who are out on the road moving in open wagons are to be pelted. There were two ox wagons of that description passed through here this morning.

Mr. John Tatum and Miss Pruett came over on Sunday last to get married by Rev. J. F. Potter.

Your worthy townsmen, Mr. R. A. Weems was at Jenkins yesterday.

Mr. Ira P. Wetmore, a prominent real estate of San Angelo, Texas, has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for several years as a certain cure, and always with perfect success. He says: "I find it a perfect cure for my baby when troubled with colic or dysentery. I now feel that my outfit is not complete without a bottle of this Remedy at home or on a trip away from home. For sale by dealers."

Notice.

All notes and accounts due A. L. Stewart must be paid by cash or secured before the first day of January, 1894, or the same will be put in the hands of an attorney for collection.

Respectfully,
 A. L. Stewart.

Mr. W. L. Barnes of Jacksonville, had a little shooting party a few days since near Hoke's Bluff which was very successful.

He was in that section killing a patient mule. He supposed over night with a gun who was not a healthy man with the illness of his brain, who informed Mr. Barnes that he would be a doctor.

When the bullet struck and killed Barnes, he had come to a point where he was on a charge of horse stealing. Barnes carried on the neck of his horse and shot at the foot of the hill.

The jail was accompanied by seven of his friends and opened fire on Barnes with his pistol. Several shots were then exchanged between the two men. The bullet received a slight wound on the head. Barnes received a very painful wound in the right shoulder, the ball passing downward, and it was feared at one time that it would prove fatal.

At last accounts Barnes was feeling well, and is expected home in a few days.

The suspicion against Barnes was brought about by the fact that a short while ago a team had been through Calhoun City carrying a great medicine which had been secured by him.

As Barnes was a stranger in the neighborhood and was selling potent medicine, the sheriff's deputy suspected that he was the man wanted.

The Sheriff of Calhoun County, Georgia, has been notified by the State of Georgia, that he is to receive a salary of \$1000 per year.

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EDUCATION

The Spring Term of the Southern Female University and Conservatory of Music and Art, of Anniston, Ala., will begin January 1st, 1895. Write for terms.

H. G. LAMAR,
 Business Manager.

AN EXPLANATION.

My advertisement has previously appeared in the form of an acrostic. I now come before you in language more comprehensive with a simple statement—that my stock of Family and Fancy Groceries is complete and at prices to suit the times. A liberal share of the Public patronage is solicited.

C. E. BONDURANT.

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Smaller Counties.

Very few propositions have been presented to the General Assembly which would be more to the advantage of Alabama than to reduce the constitutional area of counties to four hundred square miles.

In the first place, it would be worth much to the people as a convenience by placing them nearer their county seats, so they could attend their courts and have access to the records with less travel and expense than at present.

Then it would ensure the value of all property in and around every town where a county site was located and public buildings erected.

As soon as a new county site was located, it would bring new men from other states who would buy property and engage in business.

In every place selected as a county site the schools and churches would be improved, and in this way the educational and moral interests of the state would be elevated.

The small counties and large number of county sites have aided materially in giving the State of Georgia the proud distinction of being the empire State of the South, and we think the time has come when Alabama should follow in the footsteps of the mother State and divide her counties into smaller areas than at present.

We see much to be gained to the State by taking this step, and nothing to be lost.

No county in the Southern States has resources and advantages which are superior, and probably none the equal, to Calhoun county. Here our mineral and timber wealth is unequalled, and our agricultural advantages unsurpassed. All who live inside our borders know these statements to be true. But the thing needed is to demonstrate the truthfulness of these assertions to the outside world.

The cotton States and International exposition in Atlanta next year offers us an opportunity to advertise to the world our very superior resources and advantages which may not be presented again for years.

Calhoun by a co-operated effort on the part of her citizenship, can make an individual display which will beyond all question attract the attention of capitalists and settlers.

The State of Alabama should certainly make an exhibit as a State at this great exposition. We are all in favor of a State exhibit.

But it is the county exhibits which pay, and Calhoun should not be lagging in this effort.

It may be said that the financial depression is too great just now to undertake a special display for this county. But the security of money with us is just the reason why we should make it. We have the resources, and need attract the men with money to come and help develop them.

By the proper effort Calhoun can make a display which will be creditable, and which will prove profitable.

Will not the press of the county fall in line and help arouse the people to the importance of making this display?

It is very probable that a bill will be passed by the present legislature to appropriate fifteen thousand dollars for the purpose of buying or erecting a suitable mansion for the Governor of Alabama.

We fully agree that State pride demands that the State furnish its Governor a mansion, but the condition of the treasury makes this effort wrong time to purchase it. With the deficiency which exists, no new appropriations should be made which are not absolutely necessary.

By an agreement between our Representatives, no action will be taken on the bills introduced in the legislature to extend the jurisdiction of the Anniston City Court until the reassembly of the legislature in January. This gives all portions of the county an opportunity to make their wishes known in reference to the extension.

Since publishing article which appears on first page of this issue in reference to Mr. Whitten's bill to require all patent medicines to have printed on label or package a formula of the contents, the bill has been defeated in the house, as it should have been.

The Dwight Manufacturing Company, of Boston, will soon commence the building of a \$500,000 cotton mill near Gadsden. If Boston has another company which wants to build a mill in the South, we can make room for them in Jacksonville.

Calhoun can make the best display of her natural resources at the Cotton States and International exposition of any county in the South, and should certainly arrange to make this show.

The indications now suggest that the next Presidential battle will be between Tom Reed as the nominee of the Republican party, and Adlai Stevenson as the nominee of the Democratic party.

It is believed among the knowing ones in Washington that President Cleveland will appoint William J. Wilson of West Virginia, the first vacancy on the supreme bench.

Mr. Farver has been appointed to the office of county clerk in the Rome district.

A CARD.

Notice in the last issue of the Republican inquirer a statement to the effect that Judge Crook had changed on his books an advertising account against D. W. Thomas as to make it appear \$8. In favor of the present manager of the REPUBLICAN, instead of \$9. Each to the former and present manager of the REPUBLICAN, as handed in by Mr. Grant.

After my purchase of the REPUBLICAN there was an understanding between Mr. Grant and me that I was to charge up full amount of all unpaid advertisements then running in the paper, and mark amount due him in connection with the entry.

Among other advertisements running at time I took charge of paper, was an administrator's sale of D. W. Thomas. This sale made up four square, and was to be published 3 times.

The regular price of which was one dollar a square for first insertion, and fifty cents a square for each subsequent insertion; which made four dollars for the first insertion and four dollars for the last two insertions—a total of eight dollars.

The advertisement was charged up by me at \$8, and entry made that \$8. of this account was then paid by Mr. Grant, as it had been published once before I took charge of paper.

A statement for the amount of \$8, was handed Judge Crook by me with the request that it be entered upon his fee book.

This is all there is in this little transaction, and certainly no blame can be attached to Judge Crook.

The rate of one dollar a square for the first insertion and fifty cents a square for each subsequent insertion is the price which the REPUBLICAN has charged for years for advertising sales of land.

I notice also in the last issue of the Piedmont Inquirer a communication in which it is asserted if the legal printing of the county was let to the lowest bidder it would save the county two or three thousand dollars.

Certainly the writer of that article has never investigated to see what advertising the county pays for and the amount it pays.

The fact is, the only notices for which the county pays is notices of election, tax assessors' and collector's notices, the county's report, notice of the letting of public works, of the building of bridges, etc. For the publication of these notices, the cost to the county does not exceed three hundred dollars a year.

The commissioners have made no effort to control for the REPUBLICAN, sheriff sales, tax collector's sales, administrators' sales, notice of probate, etc., as to settlement of estates, etc.

I think the people understand the contract which the commissioners have made with the REPUBLICAN, and the motives which have prompted them to have entered into it for making the same contract with the writer that the county has had with the REPUBLICAN for years, and if they do understand it, they will certainly agree that much noise is being made over a very small matter.

T. W. AYERS.

The bill introduced by Mr. John of Jefferson, for a contest law, provides that any elector may contest the election of any state officer for any of the following causes:

1. Malconduct, fraud or corruption on the part of any elector, clerk, returning officer or board of supervisors.

2. When the person, whose election to such office is contested, was not eligible at the time of such election.

3. On account of illegal votes.

4. On account of the rejection of legal votes.

5. Anything calculated to prevent a fair election.

It must be shown that enough legal votes have been counted to entitle the contestant to bring his legal case before that of the contestants before can be deprived of his office.

The bill then provides the manner of procedure on the part of the contestants. All contests must be commenced within thirty days after the election.

The person contesting must give sufficient security to cover the cost of the contest in such sum as the speaker may deem sufficient. At least ten days before the contest, the contestant party must give the contestant notice of the grounds he proposes to allege. The bill requires probate judges to give copies of the bill to either party upon application. On the trial of the contest, the probate judges shall be required to produce the original poll lists and ballots filed and kept by them for examination, which shall be prima facie evidence that the parties named in the poll list voted. Any person may be required to answer whether he voted or not. Any witness who fails to appear on summons shall be proceeded against as other defaulting witnesses. The witnesses shall receive the same fees as witnesses in the state courts receive. The general assembly in joint session shall constitute the court of trial. The bill was referred to the judiciary committee.

SENATOR GOODWIN has introduced a bill in the senate to authorize the contest of the election held in August, 1894, and of election hereafter held in this State for State officers.

The Alabama Chatauqua has selected Talladega as its permanent home, and its annual sessions will hereafter be held in that city.

Governor Oates' Message.

This first message of Governor Oates to the General Assembly is as practical and wise as any State paper ever written in Alabama.

Indeed, he in our opinion, recommends to the legislature just the things now needed to be enacted into laws in this State.

Take our election law, he recommends precisely the changes which the REPUBLICAN has advocated since it has been under its present management.

After stating that our election law should be amended so as to provide for the contest of the election of Governor and other State officers, his message has this to say in reference to needed amendments:

"Our familiarity with the working of the election law enables you to judge as well as myself whether it needs amendment and what amendments there are necessary."

"It is not fair and satisfactory to the people amount to make it so. I am of the opinion that an amendment is necessary giving each party who has a ticket to be voted for the right to nominate a marker, at each polling place, who should take an oath to mark only the name called by the illiterate voter and not to suggest or indicate to such voters, by word, sign, gesture or otherwise, the name of any person, and not to disclose the name voted for by any voter under heavy penalty."

It seems to be but fair that the officers whose duty it is to appoint the inspectors or managers of election to allow each party entitled to be represented to nominate the officials of one of such inspectors to be appointed by them. These two amendments to the law would secure perfect fairness and should give satisfaction to all parties.

I also invite your attention to the bad features of registration in our election law. The time allowed is too brief, and it is unbecoming in its provision. If a voter is necessarily absent from the State until the day of registration expires, or if he registers before election day loses his certificate, he cannot vote.

If he be confined to a bed of sickness until the period of registration has passed he cannot vote that year. The registration is in May; if the voter moves to another county, though he may reside therein three months, he cannot vote. The registration, before the November election, he cannot vote.

It is therefore of doubtful constitutionality in this respect, and should be amended.

The Governor is also right in the opinion that we have entirely too many elections in Alabama, and recommends that our State elections be held in November and the same time of congressional elections, or if the number of elections is reduced to twenty. He states the expense of holding prisoners last year was \$105,000, and the salaries of the additional judges would be more than saved in the reduction of the jail fees.

He recommends that the carrying of concealed weapons can only be stopped by making the offense a felony.

He recommends that a state bank be passed in view of the possibility of the repeal of the 10 percent by the present congress.

Republicans Want to Lead.

The support which the Republicans gave the Republicans in the last congressional election, has caused the Republicans of Alabama to decide that they do not propose to again be the tail end of the kite, but they now insist that the Populists come square over and join the Republican party.

The last issue of the Birmingham Times, Bob Mosley's paper, had the following to say on this subject: "Whether or not Colonel Oates is a usurper, he is certainly occupying the position of governor of Alabama, and judging by the peaceful manner in which he took his seat it looks quite probable that he will continue to occupy it unless Providence intervenes. We would suggest in all earnestness that the different factions of the opposition to organized Democracy come square over and join the greatest of all parties, the Republican party, and let us place some brilliant young Republican to the front, and thoroughly organize our combined forces by the next campaign, and we will lead us to victory. Let's select one of pure character and a native of Alabama. If we are defeated and counted out, we will have a higher court of appeal than the legislature of Alabama."

The Republican party can lead better than it can follow. Twice it has been the tail to the kite, and failed both times. Now, why step to the front with some smart, energetic leader of brave and undaunted spirit and take the lead in the coming campaign. It is only two years off and will be a very interesting one. There is a great deal to do, and it will take a good deal of time to organize and make a strong and combined fight with the organized forces of Democracy. The organized have shown us that a Populist shall have no land in governing Alabama, and now we will show them that a free silver Republican can be elected governor and will be seated without asking Gates, Jones or Morgan either.

In his able argument in favor of the construction of the Niagara canal last Monday, Senator Morgan had the closest attention of both the senate and the galleries for several hours.

Thos. P. Savage, Esq., of Piedmont, was admitted to the practice of law in Cherokee county recently, and made his maiden speech in justice court in Piedmont last Tuesday.

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JUDGE CROOK.

ANSWERS CLEARLY EVERY CHARGE MADE AGAINST HIM.

He Paid Both Principal and Interest on Notes to Rounsaville and Grant.

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7 pounds of good Soda for 25c.
A 10 qt. Bucket for 13c.
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One plug of good Tobacco for 4 cents.
For 2 cents you get 2 good Lead Pencils.
The best Shoes for 60c and up.
The best Hats for 32c and up.
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In fact in every line of goods our prices are down to

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Holiday Announcement

CHRISTMAS PRICES AND NEW-YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

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We shall from now on offer the greatest array of array of goods at prices that simply defy competition. We have now

For the Ladies.

38 inch all wool Suiting at 33c worth 50c.
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All wool mixed Cheviot Suiting 40c, worth 50c.
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A special assortment of dress goods 20c, 25c and 30c.

Wraps and Cloaks.

A nice stylish Cape as low as \$1.75 and up to 16.50.
Special inducements in Capes and walking Jackets, \$5.00 to \$7.50.

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Everything in the way of Wraps, Gloves, Underwear, Hosiery and Handkerchiefs.

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A special inducement. An extra pair of Pants and a Cap with each suit. These suits are from \$3.00 to \$4.50. Double Knee and Seats, Boys Suits from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

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Black Cheviot woolen suit for 5.00, seal value 7.50.

An elegant black or colored all wool suit, frock or sack, from 7.50 to 10.00.

The very best in business or dress suit, long cut, latest styles, 12.50 to 16.50.

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Special inducement for 5.00. Excellent coat for 6.50 to 9.00. Extra quality coat, long cut from 10.00 to 16.00.



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Ladies Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Table Cloths and Napkins.
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Everything for Ladies and Children.

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Everything for men and boys, Hemp, Ingrain and Tapestry Carpets and a beautiful line of Rugs at low prices.

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THE REPUBLICAN wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all its readers.

You can give your family no other New Year's gift for the same money which will be so valuable to them as the Jacksonville Republican and the Anniston Constitution one year for \$1.25.

It is stated that Governor Turner will contest the recent election in Tennessee. The returns show Bruns, the Republican candidate, to have been elected by six hundred votes. The Democrats charge the Republicans with all kinds of frauds and mismanagement.

ANNISTON will soon have a large tannery, which will afford the farmers of this county a market for their bark and hides. We are always glad to see such an industry located in the county. No doubt but the location of this tannery will soon be followed by an other large shoe factory in the county.

It is predicted that when the Hon. Ben Tillman is installed as a Senator he will create as much sensation in the United States Senate over certain measures as he had in South Carolina over his dispensary law. The Hon. Ben is a hustler, and the country will watch his movements in the Senate with much interest.

A NUMBER of our Anniston advertisers have sent us word recently that they were having a good county trade, and that their advertisements in the Jacksonville Republican were paying them handsomely. This is gratifying to us, for we want our advertisers to reap an hundred fold in profits for every dollar they invest in advertising in the REPUBLICAN.

CALHOUN can and should make a fine exhibit at the Cotton States Exposition in Atlanta next year. As Anniston has the only commercial organization in the county, we suggest that her commercial association take the lead in working up an exhibit for this county. We can make an exhibit, which will attract the attention of capitalists and immigrants and should not fail to make it.

THE bill which passed the senate to reduce the constitutional area of square miles of counties in Alabama to four hundred, was defeated in the house before the recess of the legislature. We regret that this bill was lost, for we believe that the State would be greatly benefited by having a larger number of county sites. We hope when the legislature reconvenes this bill will again be taken up and passed.

CALHOUN'S two leading valleys are now discussing the question of stock law. From a notice elsewhere in this issue, it will seem that Choctawhatchee had to hold another election on this question. That beat held an election on this issue a year ago. The result of the election was a majority in favor of the stock law, but there was much dissatisfaction over the vote cast, and now those who are opposed to the stock law have had another election ordered.

Those who favor the stock law in Alexandria valley are now circulating a petition in favor of it for that beat.

We are requested to state that the Calhoun County Alliance will meet with the sub-alliance at Four Mile beat three, on the 11th and 12th of January next.

We hope to see new life thrown into the agricultural feature of the alliance this year, and such interest manifested in the improved methods of farming as will not only prove profitable to those who belong to the alliance, but to all the farmers in the county.

We would be glad to see this organization give one open day's session exclusively to a discussion of the improved methods of farming and stock raising, to which all the farmers of the county would be invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

We believe that such a plan would result in much good to the agricultural interests of the county.

LAST Saturday W. P. St. John, president of the Mercantile National bank of New York, went before the house committee on banking and currency, and made an appeal for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He said the burning issue of today is our primary money, and urged that congress restore the coinage system. Founded with the mint, maintained for eighty years, without complaint and withdrawn unobservedly at a time when neither gold nor silver was our current money. He stated that with the free and unlimited coinage of silver there would be no necessity for any other financial legislation.

We truly concur in these statements, and believe that it is only a question of time when this country will be forced to resume the coinage of silver; but as there seems little hope for a silver bill to pass the present congress, we favor the next best thing—the currency plan suggested by Mr. Carlisle. There can be no question but it will afford much relief from our present system of finance, and we hope our present congress will take it up promptly and enact it into law.

FRESH NEW GOODS.

Instead of running our stock off as is usual at this season of the year, we are compelled to keep goods coming all the time.

Every department is brightened up this week by the addition of NEW GOODS. If you want fresh, bright goods, just from the mills, come to us.

It goes without saying prices must be right, or we would not be doing the business.

We are not undersold by any one and in nine cases out of ten we undersell all our competitors.

Everything in the READY MADE line is made in our store, we guarantee quality, sizes and prices.

Every in Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Trunks, etc., is kept at

LIPPMAN'S,
Mfrs of Bonnets, Muslin Underwear, Etc.
Anniston, Ala.

RUND'S REMOVAL SALE.

Finding our present quarters too small, we have leased the adjoining building which, after being remodelled will be occupied by us after the Holidays and in order to clear up and reduce our present stock we offer our entire line of

Millinery, Woolens, Cotton Checks, Blankets, Dress Goods, Sheetings, Hosiery, Comforts.

In fact our entire Stock. This includes a good line of Ladies and Children's Shoes, they must be sold regardless of losses. An endless variety of

HOLIDAY GOODS

at popular prices to please the little ones. When in the city would be pleased to see you at

RUND'S,
THE PEOPLES FIRM.
Anniston, Ala.

WINTER

Is fast approaching and with the change you will lay aside your

STRAW HATS AND SUMMER CLOTHING.

and the place to make the change—and the change get the best—is what you should give some thoughts to. Now we have what you need in suits for

MEN.

BOYS AND

CHILDRENS'

Dress, Business or Knock-About.

Cut in the Latest Styles.

MADE IN THE BEST MANNER AND UP-TO-DATE FABRICS. HATS.

We show an attractive line in Soft,

Alpine and Stiff, and in quality can accommodate your purse.

Come to see us. We can please you in

FIT, QUALITY AND PRICE.

C. A. GAMMON & CO.,
Clothiers, Furnishers and Hatters
for Men, Boys and Children.

928 Noble st. Anniston, Ala.

In order that the printers may enjoy the pleasures of the holidays, there will be no paper issued from this office next week other than an advertising sheet to legalize the advertisements which are now running.

We have no doubt but the children in the large numbers of families visited by the REPUBLICAN will appreciate the Holiday Supplement sent out with this issue. It is the REPUBLICAN'S Christmas gift to the children.

THE legislature will reassemble on the 22nd day of January, and then will take up the contest bill, election bill, bill to provide for a more complete assessment of the taxable property of the state, and other bills which were not acted upon before the recess.

WE most sincerely hope when the legislature reassembles that it will not fail to pass the bill which has been introduced to regulate the management of primary elections. The plan of nominating candidates by primary election is yearly becoming more popular, and they should certainly have thrown around them the same restrictions as our State elections.

THE bill to change the manner of electing county commissioners in Calhoun county passed the senate just before the recess of the legislature, and hereafter one commissioner from each district will be elected by the entire vote of the county. While we did not favor this bill, since it is now a law, we are in favor of giving it a fair trial, and see if it can be made to work more satisfactorily than the former law.

DALLAS county is having quite a warm discussion over the proposition to issue bonds to work the roads of that county. Brother Nunnally had better get the two sides to compromise by adopting Calhoun's road law. By levying a very small tax yearly for a few years Dallas can soon have as good highways as is necessary for any county to have. But we do not wish to be understood as favoring or opposing the issuance of bonds in Dallas. That is not our fight.

LET the farmers of the county remember the meeting for the organization of the Calhoun County Agricultural Society, in the courthouse in Jacksonville, on the first Saturday in January.

THE farmers of this county up to now have not taken that interest in studying plans for the improvement of their land and the improved methods of farming, that they should, and we hope to see them on the first of next year turn over a new leaf, come together, and do all in their power to hereafter have in Calhoun county three bales of cotton grow where one now grows; to have one acre produce forty bushels of corn, where it now only produces from ten to fifteen.

THESE results are not only possible, but have been accomplished in many places during the past few years, and by the proper effort the same increases in the production of the land can be accomplished in Calhoun county.

THE land in this county are such as can be brought up to as high state of production as in any section, and all they need is to be properly tilled, manured, planted, and their products properly cultivated.

IT is possible for an agricultural society and the county alliance to accomplish great things for the agricultural interests of Calhoun county this year, and we hope to see the two by an earnest and cooperative effort put Calhoun on an agricultural boom.

IT seems that Mexico is comparatively a safe place of refuge to those who flee from this country, as the authorities over there pay but little attention to extradition papers.

THE following from the Hot Sheet shows the difficulty under which a Calhoun official labored over there.

Dr. McCurry came back to Anniston from Monterey, Mex., with Chief Prather of his own accord.

THE papers were never fixed up so the chief could get the doctor and probably never will be. They are in the City of Mexico yet as far as is known. The way of the Mexican is about as mystifying as that of the heathen Chinese and why the Mexican government dabbled so long with the extradition papers of this now famous case will probably remain a mystery.

Dr. McCurry was released by the Monterey authorities Tuesday, and he immediately hunted up Chief Prather and told him that he was ready to come back to Anniston of his own accord if the chief would pay his way, as he was financially strapped. This the chief agreed to do and back they came, leaving Monterey at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

IT was understood that McCurry should be arrested on his arrival here and this was done by Sheriff Ed. Caldwell, whose custody he is now in.

Dr. McCurry made so trouble on the trip but had he done so Chief Prather had the president's warrant in his pocket and could have locked him up. He takes the situation coolly, denies having committed the crime charged and says he don't anticipate any trouble in the matter.

CLOTHING

FOR

EVERYBODY.

Never in the history of our business have goods been as cheap as now.

Clothing Especially.

You will be astonished at the prices we offer, for they are away below what you have been accustomed to paying. Prices are strictly in keeping with the low prices of cotton.

Would you have the most for your money?

Would you have full value for all you pay?

Then Come to See Us.

We are offering some extraordinary bargains now.

Guaranteed all wool Cheviot Suit (all sizes) for 6.50 to 10.00, worth 10.00 to 15.00

Boys' Combination Suits,

Coat with 2 Pair Pants and Cap to Match

\$3.50 TO \$5.00.

ALL THE LATEST

STYLES AND CUTS.

OVERCOATS.

All sizes, grades and prices from 5.00 up.

We carry the largest stock of

Underwear and Furnishing Goods

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Our guarantee goes with everything. Your money back if not satisfactory.

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THE FAMOUS

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CHRISTMAS

The Christmas chimes are pealing, softly pealing; the joyous sounds are ringing, ever louder and clearer, ever nearer and nearer, like a sweet-toned benediction falling on the ear. Glad ringers are pulling the ropes, and in one grand swell of the melody, Christmas with its old yet ever new and many, yellow mysticisms, bursts triumphantly upon the world once more.

The cattle have turned their heads to the east and knelt down to worship the king cradled in the manger; the houses are decked with holly; the yule-log burns brightly; the gray shadows sweep away, the sun is at and the bright-eyed children, who have lain awake all night listening for the patter of old Saint Nick's tiny steeds on the roof, only to fall asleep at the eventful moment, wake hurriedly to find the stockings running over with toys and sweetmeats.

Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fall like the like snowflakes of Christmaseve. And beautiful is the year in its coming-and in its going—most beautiful and blessed because it is always the Year of Our Lord.

I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear the full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral, and filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony.

WASHINGTON IRVING.

Last spring at a state convention of negroes held in Montgomery, a committee was appointed to devise plans for bettering the condition of the race in the State. Just before the recess of the legislature this committee sent a petition to Governor Oates asking executive consideration along the following lines:

1. That a law be speedily passed for the prevention of lynching.
2. That the railroads be compelled to provide first-class accommodations for negro passengers.
3. That the school fund of the state be so apportioned as to give the colored school a better part.
4. That a colored man be appointed assistant chaplain to administer to the spiritual needs of the colored citizens.
5. That a house of correction be established for prisoners of immature years.
6. That a negro be appointed on the board of prison inspectors.
7. That the authorities of the various counties be encouraged to appoint a fair proportion of negro jurors.

It is very probable that the legislature at its session in January will increase the number of circuit courts to twenty, and abolish all the city and county courts in the State. The Hot Blast suggests that such a change will probably be made in this county as to abolish the Anniston City Court and that the judge of this judicial circuit will hold court twice a year each in Anniston and Jacksonville.

The Talladega Mountain-Home says the Senator and Representatives from Talladega have agreed to abolish the city court of Talladega and to substitute in lieu thereof a circuit court composed of the counties of Clay, Shelby and Talladega, with four terms a year in each county to have chancery jurisdiction and to have only two grand juries each year.

This said Deason will contest Howard's seat in congress from the Seventh District, and that a large number of congressmen, both Republicans and Democrats, will be glad of an opportunity to fire Howard on account of the manner in which he portrayed a number of congressmen as lecherous beasts in his book, entitled "If Christ Should Come to Congress."

WOULD you once more be a happy man? If so, remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and let your benevolence enter the home of the unfortunate and penurious during the next few days. We always have the poor with us, but this year in large numbers, and you can have an opportunity of remembering them.

HON. GASTON A. ROBBISS has been formally served with notice of contest by W. E. Aldrich. The notice alleges fraud in every beat in Dallas county, and in several beats in other counties. It is stated that the main point in the notice is an effort to have the returns from Dallas county thrown out entirely.

A. DUBOIS in his notice of contest charges fraud in nearly every beat in Dallas; fraud and intimidation in Anniston; fraud in Talladega city; Sylvester and Childersburg; fraud at one box in Chilton; fraud and intimidation at his home box, Montevallo. He is represented in his contest by P. G. Bowman.

While times are not what we would like to have them this year, yet we hope that old Santa is not dead broke, and that he will be able to make his usual rounds and add sunshine and happiness to the hearts of the little ones in all the homes of this State.

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"But that might hurt their feelings," calmly replied Mrs. Wilber, without the least offense; for she never objected to advice that she was not obliged to follow.

The following special sent the Atlanta Constitution last Sunday from Macon will be of interest to the friends of Messrs. Gabsbury and Noble in Calhoun, who hope that they will finish up their contract in Macon and clear a pocket full of money.

The indications are that there will be a suit between the several contractors and the mayor and council of Macon. There have been some differences between Messrs. Gabsbury & Noble, the contractors, and the city engineer Wilcox. The engineer has required the contractors to adhere closely to the requirements of the contract, and the engineer has been sustained in his rulings by the mayor and council and the sewer advisory committee.

The contractors think the engineer has been too strict in his construction of the contract. The engineer has always maintained that he, as the employed servant of the city, has only sought to carry out written instructions, directions and stipulations. It is said that the suit will be for damages, and that the suit will be brought in the United States court, as the contractors are nonresidents of Georgia. They reside in Alabama. Harde-man, Davis & Turner are their attorneys. There has been considerable delay in one way and another in the construction of the sewers, and it will be several months before the city can complete the Gabsbury & Noble contract to build them for \$100,000. Macon expects to cost \$200,000. They will cost about \$120,000. When completed Macon will have a fine system of sanitary sewers. City Engineer Wilcox has rendered the city splendid service in his close and efficient attention to the building of these sewers.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The First Round Prepared for the Talladega District.

Talladega station, Dec. 16 and 17.

Oxford station, Dec. 22 and 23.

Columbiana circuit, Dec. 29 and 30.

Montford circuit, January 5 and 6.

Jacksville and White Plains, January 12 and 13.

Alexandria circuit, January 19 and 20.

Payetteville circuit, January 26 and 27.

First church, Anniston, February 2 and 3.

Glen Adelle and West Anniston, February 2 and 3.

Medlin circuit, February 9 and 10.

Chandler Springs Mission, February 13.

Talladega circuit, February 16 and 17.

Plantersville circuit, February 23 and 24.

Harperville circuit, March 2 and 3.

Wilcoxville circuit, March 9 and 10.

Coosa Valley circuit, March 16 and 17.

J. W. MEWLAND, P. E.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

By T. W. AYERS.

Written for Every-Where.

The great palace of a "store," in which August Lillienheim made fortune after fortune, never looked more interesting than to-day; for Christmas was approaching, and he was looking about this place there were enough people present to crowd one of the larger buildings of the World's Fair. Splendidly changed hands every minute. Miniature trolley-cars skipped through the air, along railroad tracks of wires, stretched from pillar to pillar, and carried with their increasing bills of lading and loads of dollars, by the ones, tens, and hundreds; and at the cashier's desk where all these miniature railroads had their terminus, it literally "rained money."

Mrs. Wilber, a petted wife-bee, was sitting upon one of the convenient little sofas scattered about, enjoying the opulent scene.

"Just it ever and ever so grand!" she remarked, to an acquaintance, Mrs. Mason, who happened to be sitting near her. Mrs. Mason was a few years older; and was now taking a rest between two arduous bargain-making tournaments.

"Yes, it's something of a sight," she answered, with a long and somewhat weary respiration, "but it makes me sad, to think of all the money that is spent here, for trifles, when there are so many people that need the necessities of life."

Angley's Leading Business Houses

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**Fine Dress Goods,
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 Art Linens, all shapes and styles,
 Fine Kid Gloves, Handkerchiefs
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W. T. WILLSON,
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Away Christmas.

Each cash purchaser of 50 cents, will be entitled to a ticket.
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 2nd. Handsome Guitar.
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 Call and see them. New Goods. Prices right. Fine watch work, engraving and manufacturing.
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Bought of him by the people of Jacksonville and vicinity.
 Try me with an order, or call in person when in Anniston and examine my stock.

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 Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Spectacles, Glasses.
 Fine Watch and Jewelry Repairing and Engraving.
SEND ME YOUR WORK
 My prices are lower than elsewhere.
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

CHRISTMAS.

(From Boston Transcript.)
 "Thine bells, over more in your steeples
 And toll the old story again;
 The beautiful hope for the dying,
 The joy to the spirit in pain;
 The help to the feeble that stumbles,
 The joy to the sorrowing soul;
 But oh! for the 'starry, starry cattle'
 That crowd the world's goal!"

For many can cry out in his trouble,
 And tear drops may hang on his brow,
 And sighs may come from his lips,
 With never a voice for his soul;
 In such a case, the old story,
 Is told of the olden time,
 There's never an end to their labor
 Till the world is a better place.

Dear bells, as you swing in your steeples,
 Above all the joy of the earth,
 Sing to the old story again;
 And toll the old story again;
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There will be preaching at the

Presbyterian and Baptist churches Sunday morning.

You know that we sell Millinery cheaper than any house in the country. At Miss KATE JELKS.

We regret to learn of another bereavement in the home circle of Commissioner Coker. One of his daughters, a young lady, died last Wednesday. We have heard nothing of the particulars of her sickness or death. We extend our most sincere sympathy.

The services at the Baptist church Sunday morning will be of unusual interest and appropriate. The subject of Dr. Lane's sermon will be, "Will God indeed dwell on the Earth?"

I have just received a new lot of Stoves, which I am offering unusually cheap.

J. J. SKELTON.

Cards are out for the wedding of Mr. Daniel R. Methvin, of Senoia, Ga., and Miss Kittie, the accomplished and popular daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. J. T. Dear.

Many of this city, which occurs at their residence on East-Tenth street, on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. Mr. Methvin is a nephew of Col. John F. Methvin and on recent visits to him made many friends in Anniston. —Hot Blast.

A nice line of plain and hand painted Flower Pots, very cheap to go next week, at Mrs. Kate Jelks.

We direct attention of the card in this issue from Shorter college. This school is one of the very best in the South for the education of girls. The discipline is the equal of any school, and while on a visit there recently, the writer was impressed with the fact that all the boarding pupils are contented and happy. They appear as if one large happy family. You can find no better school to send your daughter.

Married, at the residence of Rev. E. M. Treadway, Wednesday, Dec. 19th, 1895, by Rev. W. O. Horton, Miss Cora Treadway to Mr. John Cunningham.

The bride is a noble, Christian young woman, and the groom is to be congratulated on the prize he has won.

The bridal party left Thursday morning for the home of the groom near Gaylesville, Cherokee county.

At Mrs. KATE JELKS, you will find all styles in Zephyrs, cheaper than ever before. Also, closing out Saxony and knitting wool.

At a meeting of the council of Jacksonville last Monday the retail liquor license for 1895 was fixed at \$750.

The Jacksonville Cotton Seed Oil Mill was exempt from city tax for a period of ten years.

The East and West railroad was given the right to extend its track from its former terminus to the cotton seed oil mill.

Mrs. KATE JELKS has all wool, nice black dress goods and velvets that we are selling very cheap for cash only.

Mrs. G. P. Cason of Anniston, is up to spend the holiday with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Hames.

After the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Cason will go to Salem, where they will make their future home.

Mr. Cason is an honorable, straight forward gentleman, a good workman, and as such we take pleasure in recommending him to the good people of Selma.

Owing to a change my business soon, I will not extend any more notices.

Mrs. KATE JELKS.

It will pay you to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. With pure blood you need not fear the grip, pneumonia, diphtheria or fever. Hood's Sarsaparilla will make you strong and healthy.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, carefully prepared from the best ingredients. 25c.

We want to call your attention to our Bicycle Hose for Boys, Girls and Ladies the best in the market for the money, at Mrs. Kate Jelks.

Cards have been received by a number of the Jacksonville friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crow, announcing the marriage of their daughter Miss Mamie Crow to Mr. Fred Bregman, in Kendrick, Idaho, Wednesday evening, January 2nd, 1895.

The friends of Miss Mamie wait their best wishes to her far off home in the northwest.

Mrs. Kate Jelks is selling Capes and children Cloaks very low and Ladies Jackets for less than they cost as we will not handle such goods any longer than this season.

COUNTY NEWS

FROM ALL SECTIONS OF CALHOUN.

GATHERED BY THE REPUBLICAN'S ABLE CORPS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

Peck's Hill.

Married, on the 13th inst., at the residence of S. S. Holt, Esq., Mr. Oliver Thompson to Miss Eva Hindman. They have the wish of this community for a life of joy and prosperity.

Prof. Watson will have an enjoyable day at his school on Christmas day. Will have an all-day speaking and dinner on the ground.

The health of this community is good, and the people are forgetting the hard times, and are preparing for a good crop of corn and plenty of hogs for another year. The farmers all say that the cotton acreage will be greatly reduced in this settlement for 1895.

Every man in the county should be a subscriber to the Jacksonville Republican.

DeArmanville.

Mr. Tim Sharp, was quietly married to a daughter of Mr. John Hobbs last Sunday evening by Rev. Asa Allen, at the home of Mr. Allen, near this place. Mr. Sharp is a popular and worthy young man, and the bride, possessed of all the characteristics of suitable helpmate for her deserving husband.

The assessor will be here, the first of next year.

And of his coming there is not any dread.

Soon the collector will follow And asks for the dollar.

There is more hard being cleared here now than has been for many years and many of the waste places will be taken in.

Choccolocco.

Dr. Scott did not fill his appointment here this month, being called to Heflin to preach the funeral of Miss Ellen Diamond, who was related to Mrs. Crawford of your city.

The Baptist Sunday School at Harmony will have a Christmas tree on the night of the 24th, and Hon. John Caldwell and Judge Cardwell are invited to speak on that occasion.

The Union Sabbath School will have Christmas entertainment.

Mr. Sam Borders had several horses sick last week, with some disease not known to him, and lost his fine mare which cost him over \$300.

Mrs. Lawrence of our town had a dwarf orange bush three years old which had over 20 ripe oranges on it.

Miss Jessie Davis is visiting in Anniston.

Misses Nannie Whitesides, of White Plains, and Callie Milligan, spent Saturday and Sunday in Oxford.

Miss Malberry of Anniston, is visiting here.

Mr. Parker and family have moved to Cleburne.

Mrs. Kelly, the mother of our Representative, is visiting in Oxford and Anniston.

Tampa.

Mr. T. C. Carrel of Cedar town, has moved his family to Tampa.

Miss Fannie Cress is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Grace, near Rome, Ga.

Mr. Dexter West met with a painful accident a few days ago, an explosion of gunpowder burnt his left eye severely.

Miss Parsons is in charge of our winter school, and I venture to say it is one of the most pleasant little schools to teach in the county. The children seem well pleased with their new teacher, and are interested in their studies.

One of the greatest hindrances to progress in the country school is changing teachers so often.

The Sunday School expects to have a Christmas tree at Angels Grove church Christmas eve.

Weavers.

Several fine hogs have been slaughtered here this week. —One by Rev. W. O. Horton, 339 lbs. One by Dr. Isen, 220 lbs. If a man can preach and practice medicine and raise such hogs as these, what should a regular farmer do?

Anniston.

After an interruption of two weeks, Anniston begs readmission to the county news columns of the REPUBLICAN. Since our last letter, the Model City has been quite busy buying, displaying, and selling holiday goods, and from the volume of business being done in this line, one would conclude that "hard times" will soon be a thing of the past. Our merchants are doing a better business, by far, than they did at this time last year.

The Woodstock Iron Company has been reorganized, and good, progressive, able men have been chosen as officers. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of first mortgage bonds will be floated for the purpose of putting the machinery in working order and establishing a working fund. After this is done, as soon as the iron market will justify it, the furnaces will be blown in, and Anniston will put on her old-time hum and lustle.

It is reported upon good authority that the United States Car Company, commonly called the Rolling Stock, will start up in a few days for the purpose of repairing some cars. It is hoped and believed that, if it once starts, other orders for new cars will be received, and that it will finally be found profitable to run at the full capacity. With the Rolling Stock and the Woodstock running at their full capacity, our city would enter upon an era of unprecedented prosperity.

Mr. Tom Head and Miss Della Stokes were married at the home of the bride, early Monday morning. Mr. Head is one of Anniston's most popular and progressive business men, and Miss Stokes was one of our most cultivated and charming young ladies. May peace, joy and happiness crown their married life, is the wish of their hosts of friends both here and elsewhere.

Capt. T. G. Bush has returned from a trip to England, whither he went in the interest of the Mobile & Birmingham railroad.

Gov. Oates has commissioned Mr. H. L. Cater as First Lieutenant of the Woodstock Guards, to which position Mr. Cater was recently elected.

Mr. P. B. Brown attended the State Convention of the Baptist Young Peoples Union, at Montgomery, last week.

Most of our schools will adjourn this week till after the holidays.

The diphtheria epidemic has completely subsided.

But few business changes will be made here with the new year.

Alexandria.

There will be an elegant supper given at the school-house in this place on Christmas night for the purpose of furnishing the school with desks.

We are glad to know that our former townsman, Hon. W. P. Cooper of Oxford, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Mrs. Murdock Martin, who has been in ill health for some time, died last week, and was buried at the Baptist Church at this place.

A party of gentlemen, accompanied by Mr. Randolph of Anniston, have been prospecting in our valley this week, with a view of buying farming land.

Mr. O. S. Crook and mother spent Sunday with relatives in this place.

The L. & N. pay train passed down the road Monday, to the delight of the employees.

Our people are very much pleased that Mr. Horton has been returned to us as pastor of the Methodist church for another year.

The side of Mr. J. A. Lanford was largely attended.

Mr. J. F. Wood is on a business trip to Floyd Spring, Ga.

Prof. Dodson has been looking after his interest here this week.

PROGRESS.

People who get the greatest benefit from the use of the Electric Bitters are those who make the most careful use of their opportunities.

Quick perception and good judgment are the most essential qualities for the successful use of the Electric Bitters.

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JOYFUL GREETING

1894. OUR HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENT. 1895.

"IT IS THE BLESSED CHRISTMAS-TIDE; THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ARE ALL AGLOW."—WHITTIER.

SNOW-BOUND.



T WAS Christmas Eve, and o'er the world
A mantle white was falling
When Santa Claus set out to do
His yearly round of calling.
The dear old saint rejoiced to see
A promise of good sleighing,
For lots of snow was just what he
A long time had been praying.
So greatly pleased was he to see
Such charming Christmas weather,
That early to his task he flew
Of getting things together.
His ample sleigh was put to rights
And loaded full to brimming,
And soon along the country roads
Old Santa Claus was skimming.
Now here, now there, his brightly deer
With airy lightness darted,
As fresh when miles and miles away
As when they first had started.
The snowy flakes kept coming down,
The rambling roadways hiding;
Yet on and on they flew along
Like shadows swiftly gliding.
But ere his journey was quite o'er
St. Nick met trouble dire:
The roads kept filling up apace,
The snow kept piling higher,
And from his sight the earth was hid
By flakes so thickly flying.
He could not find the road at all,
But still he kept on trying.
Here was indeed for Santa Claus
An awkward situation,
And one that for the moment filled
His mind with consternation:
The kindly soul was sad with fear
That on the morrow morning
Some disappointed little friends
His absence would be mourning.
Still, trusting that kind Providence
Would help him in his trouble,
St. Nick his faithful reindeer steeds
Their efforts urged to double;
And often with a cheering word
The faded beasts he alled.
While ahead through snowdrifts deep
To find the road he waded.
At length, amid the flying flakes,
By chance old Santa sighted
Not far away a signpost tall,
Whereat he was delighted.
The sign upon the post contained
The welcome information
That close at hand the road ran straight
Unto his destination.
With hope renewed the good old saint
Along the roadway struggled;
And soon he reached a sleeping town
Which in a valley nestled.
Here ended Santa's Christmas calls
And here his sleigh he lightened,
Then homeward quickly of he sped
Ere set the landscape brightened.
FRANK B. WELCH.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Do Some Act to Make It a Happy One for Your Neighbors.
Scarcely less wonderful than the mystery of the first Christmas night is the mystery of the perpetuation of the festival. It is a far cry enough from the hillside of Judea, and the believing kings who followed the star from the east, to let us say, the average American citizen, and the modern rulers of kingdoms. Reverence and simple faith are not exactly the prevailing characteristics of the former, nor do the latter betray sufficient keenness of interest in things supernatural to warrant the supposition that they would leave their kingdoms and go forth laden with treasure, to follow a mysterious sign in the heavens. Yet withal Christmas brings its message to

A FEARFUL CHARGE.



Dilly (in hurried whisper)—Mamma, Willy is in a mood.
Mamma—An inned?
Dilly—Yes; he said he don't believe there's any Santa Claus.—Puck.

these as well as to their widely different prototypes of nearly two thousand years ago. The echo of the angelic voices that sang of peace on earth, good will to men, still resounds in the heavens on Christmas night; and brother is reconciled to brother, old enmities are laid away, past sins forgiven, and the bonds of friendship and family affection drawn tighter over the Christ-

mas festival known to the civilized world. A Merry Christmas, then, let it be to all! A divine religion is not a sad one. It brings peace to the heart, and joy is an exuberance of peace. Therefore let the bells ring out, and hang out the mistletoe, and bring on the smoking turkey, and gather round the fireside, and join in the frolics of the young-

If you have no fireside of your own to chillen, seek out the desolate hearth of some unfortunate brother. There are many forlorn little ones to whom an orange and a picturebook would be a foretaste of Heaven. Play Santa Claus to such, and you will find your Merry Christmas in the reflection of their innocent delight, or carry your greeting and your gift to some aged and lonely

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

A Happy New Year! What does it mean? Are not these words often thrown out as a greeting without thought or depth of meaning? Is it a year in which to ourselves come wealth and health, prosperity and friendship? One spent in the pursuit of fleeting pleasure and filled with self-centered

A MEMORY.



THEIN the quiet house of God
This winter morning fair,
The organ music softly thrills
Upon the listening air;
Then, mingling with the organ notes,
The choir's sweet voices sound:
"While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
And straightway, from that blessed place
My wandering fancies roam,
Once more a little child am I,
Within my childhood's home,
I hear again my mother's voice,
Her dear arms clasp me round,
She sings how angel hosts "came down
And glory shone around."
The moonlight falls across the floor
In bars of silver light,
And many a merry sleighbell breaks
The silence of the night,
My head upon her loving heart
In childish trust is laid,
The while she sings of that blest Babe,
"In meekest garb arrayed."
The pealing organ notes are still,
The Christmas hymn is sung,
I sit in my accustomed place,
The reverent throng around,
But sweet and low within my heart,
There echoes all day long
The memory of my mother's voice
And of the angel's song.
—E. M. Griffith, in N. Y. Observer.

ODD NEW YEAR CUSTOMS.

Queer Ways of Giving Presents in the Olden Times.
There used to be a custom in vogue many years ago in placing all the New Year's gifts on the floor in a dark room where the recipients scrambled for them on their knees, and if they brought out other than their own they were fined a certain sum which was to be expended in addition to the good cheer. Bags of bran and baskets of shavings were used to conceal the gifts in, and the whole process was made as difficult and amusing as possible. The custom of giving New Year's presents dates back to the Saxons, who kept the festival with great ceremony and feasting. In the fifteenth century gloves were the most appreciated of any presents, being of the finest quality and handsomely decorated with gold and silver embroidery. A neat surprise was a sum of money inclosed in the gloves. A lord chancellor of England, Sir Thomas Moore, had won a difficult suit for a lady client, and she remembered him on New Year's day with a pair of gloves which had forty gold pieces sewed into them. Sir Thomas kept the gloves, but returned the money, saying that such lining made him uncomfortable.—Detroit Free Press.
Poor Man.
One of the most melancholy sights in nature is a man trying to buy a Christmas present for a woman. He knows in a vague way that the present must not be a pair of suspenders or a shaving set, but when he comes to particularize the poor man lapses into perfect imbecility, and gives his sister the money and tells her to buy the present.—Boston Globe.

Christmas Eve,
Little bits of stockings,
Hung up in a row,
Always make Kris Kringle
Down the chimney go.
—Detroit Free Press.

A DISTINGUISHED ARRIVAL.



"There's a new face at the door, my friend,
A new face at the door."
—Chicago Record.



SNOW-BOUND.

mas board and round the cheerful hearth. The rich and powerful still open their coffers and, with large handed liberality, scatter their goods among the poor, thereby imitating the Magi of old; for is it not written: "Whatsoever ye shall do unto the least of My brethren, ye shall do unto Me?" Thus, in spite of the evil forces with which modern materialism and infidelity are seeking to subvert the influences of Christianity, the Star of Bethlehem is still in the ascendant, and Christmas is the greatest and most joy-

sters—anything, everything, so that the day be merry, and all hearts rejoice because Christ the Lord was born. Forget for a time the cares of business, the pressure of hard times, the threatening future. Look up the family skeleton and, with it, all frowns and harsh words and the petty tyrannies and jealousies of common days. If you can lose the key of the closet, so much the better. If not, even the brief respite from ugly cares will leave its benediction in your heart, and quicken your longing for the return of the festival of peace.

creature whose last Christmas it will be on earth, and earn a blessing that will repay your efforts a hundredfold. There is, happily, no monopoly of the joys of Christmas. If they do not come to us, we can go to them. We have but to open our hearts and stretch out our hands, and the messengers of peace will come gladly, trooping toward us. It will be our own fault if we have not each and all a Merry Christmas.—Once a Week.
A TAX on incomes: Christmas.—Philadelphia Record.

interest? No! Rather let the wish be to each and all, as the New Year dawns with all its opportunities, that the days of 1895 may be well spent—filled with thought and sympathy for those around, and that in self-forgetting and kindly deeds the happiness of others may be ever sought, and then most truly will each not rebound again in joy and blessing to the heart from which it springs.—Christian at Work.
SANTA CLAUS will be just as well pleased if you distribute a few stockings instead of filling quite so many this year.



WHAT YOU WOULD DO

ALL the stores of beautiful things in the world—the wealth of the Christmas cheer.

All the stores of beautiful things in the world—
For dear little girls and jollyest boys,
All that ever were sung or told,
Could into a one big gift be rolled—
All the holly and evergreen too—
I'd bring the bundle to you, my dear,
The whole of it is straight to you.

Selfish—to wish it all for one,
The gathered beauty of all the year?
Nay, never—for when I see them,
What would you do, my dear?
Ah, ah! how swiftly your thoughts would go
Out to the little ones far and near,
Who never have seen and never can know
The taste of holiday cheer.

Think of the million wistful eyes
That soon would brighten with glad surprise
When I should bring it to you, my dear,
To do as you pleased to do.

Woolly wee dogs and china kittens,
All the rackets and balls and bats,
Baa, baa lambs and purring cats,
Scarlet mufflers and worsted mittens;
All the dollsies in all the world,
Blue-eyed, brown-eyed, freckled and curled;
All the books with pictures, rhymes,
And all the stories of peace on earth,
Coming to us with a Saviour's birth.

Yes, I will bring it all to you,
The crown of the closing year,
And when the little beseeching hands
Were held to you from lands and hands,
Your bundle would melt so fast, so fast,
That soon we should reach the very last
Of now, have I answered what, my dear,
Guessing what you would do?

—Sydney Dwyer, in Our Little Ones



WHAT HAPPENED LAST CHRISTMAS

LAST Christmas I think so is because a wide-spread good one to Aunt Mildred and Uncle George—though he was not my uncle yet, then—and they say if it hadn't been for me they wouldn't have had such a good Christmas. And I reckon if I hadn't been so anxious to work and earn something, things never would have happened just as they did. My pa died when I was just a little fellow, and my Aunt Mildred earned nearly everything we had after that, teaching music for my ma was sick nearly all the time. While my pa lived we had plenty, but everything he had was invested in a bank, and the bank failed soon after he died. People said that if he had lived the bank wouldn't have failed, and they think the man that was in with him cheated my ma out of what ought to have been hers.

For the last three or four years I have been earning a nickel whenever I could by carrying parcels or running errands, or something of that sort; but last winter I just made up my mind that a great big boy eleven years old could do something harder than that; so when a big snow fell a week or two before Christmas I started out to shovel snow for people. There was Mrs. Bronson, living upon Fourth street, that had always been mighty good about giving me little jobs to do, and I went to her first. She let me shovel the snow off of all the walks for her, and paid me a good price for it; and then she went and brought out an overcoat of Mr. Bronson's that she said he would not wear any more, though it was real good, all but on the sleeves and on the edge of it, and wanted to know if my ma could not cut it down for me. I knew ma could do it, for she had made lots of things for me out of pa's old clothes, and I needed an overcoat, too; but I hated to take such a thing from a stranger, and my face burned like fire. But she offered it in such a nice way, like she was afraid of hurting my feelings, and her face looked like it was burning, too, so I thought maybe I'd better take it, and told her I would take it if she would let me do something to pay for it—I didn't feel like I could take it for nothing, it seemed so



UNDER THE MISTLETOE

BOB—Did I but dare, what bliss were mine
To miss those lovely lips divine
Did I but dare?

SEE—The stupid chump, to stand and stare
As though his feet were planted there
The stupid chump!—Judge.

much like a beggar—and she told me all right, I might go down cellar and rick up the stove wood that had been hauled and thrown in there, so it would not be so much in the way, I went and piled up the wood, and she wrapped up the coat in a big paper, so no one could see what it was—I thought that was nice of her—she took it home with me. When I took it to ma and told her about it she cried a little, but she said I did right to take it, and she went right to work ripping it up to make over for me. She was ripping away on it when all at once she said: "Why, Harry, here is a letter addressed to Mr. George Bronson, that has worried its way down out of the pocket between the lining and the outside. You must go right back to Mrs. Bronson and take the letter to her, and tell her how we found it."

We talked a little more about it and then I hurried back with it, though it did not look as though it could be of much importance, for it seemed to have been written years ago, and didn't look like a business letter, either. It was in a woman's hand writing, and ma and I both thought it looked a little like Aunt Mildred's hand writing.

When I gave the letter to Mrs. Bronson she said George was her brother-in-law that used to board with them when they lived in Palmville, and she reckoned her husband must have put the letter in his pocket and forgot to give it to his brother. She said, for it must have been in there for four or five years, George Bronson left their house and went off to some western city to practice law before they left Palmville, and that was over three years ago. She said she would send the letter to him and explain about it. The evening before Christmas I was helping around in Mr. Paton's store and didn't get home till about eight o'clock. I went up to the kitchen window and peeped in and saw that ma and Elsie—that's my little sister—were in there. I thought I'd go around to the little front room we called the parlor and get Aunt Mildred, to help me hide the presents I had got for them, till her ma came in. When I went in, there was a great big, tall man with his arms around Aunt Mildred, holding her fast. I looked happy.

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You see, it was this way: They got to be sweethearts five years ago when Aunt Mildred was at boarding school, and Mr. Bronson—Uncle George it is now—was tending law school in the same place. They wanted to marry, but grandpa said Aunt Mildred was too young to marry, but he let her correspond with Uncle George after they both left school. But when Uncle George's brother forgot to give him that letter he waited and waited, and then he thought Aunt Mildred had quit writing to him and he went off out west. He had never told his folks anything about having a sweetheart, and they didn't know what was the matter with him. His brother had taken the letter out of the office and put it in his pocket with other letters, and when it slipped down out of sight he never thought of it again.

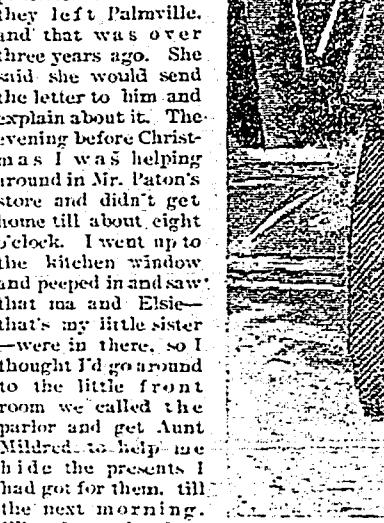
Aunt Mildred was just like Uncle George; she thought he had quit writing to her, and she never said anything about him. Grandpa died about that time, and she came to live with us, and all the money she had was put into the bank with pa's, and lost the same way. Well, you see when Mrs. Bronson got hold of that letter she sent it to her brother-in-law—that's Uncle George, you know—and told him how a boy named Harry Floyd had found it in her husband's old coat; and when he got the letter he saw just how it all was, and as my name is Floyd, he thought I must be some kin to Aunt Mildred; so he came back here as quick as he could and found out where we lived, and came and found Aunt Mildred here. And that's how I happened to be the cause of his and Aunt Mildred having such a merry Christmas last year.

Uncle George is a pretty sharp lawyer, I tell you, and he has brought some sort of suit against the man that cheated us out of our money, and he thinks he is pretty sure of getting it back for us.—Martha S. White, in Good Housekeeping.

THE DEAR GIRLS

MISS MUM—How closely Miss Elder sticks to that motto.

MISS FLYNN—Yes, it's her only chance, poor thing.—Detroit Free Press.



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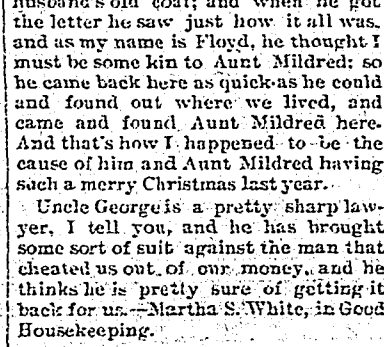
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Her Gift

"Pray, give me something new for Christmas day."
"I have more scarfs than I can ever wear."
"For slippers, let me say, I do not care."
"Though a good look is never in the way."
"I have no time for readings," give me, pray,
No more chains, I have chains to spare.
Give me no fountain-pens—they make me swear."
No knives before but tortured eyes display—
Ah! pretty Stella overheard my plaint.
And knowing well I loved her, blushing, said:
How very deep it seems, is your despair.
Your troubles, sure, would aggravate a saint.
And so I think—and here she bowed her head—
"I'll give you just myself; so take me, there!"
—Nathan M. Levy, in Judge.

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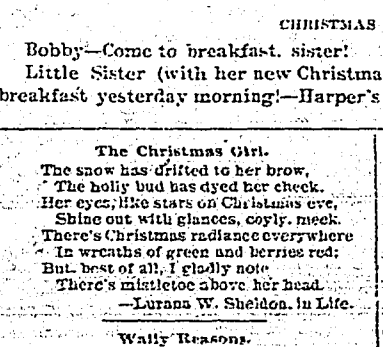
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It Filled the Requirements

"George," said Mrs. Cawker to her husband, "why did you ask Carrie what she wanted for a Christmas present, and when she replied that she wanted a sealskin sack, why did you go off and get her a cheap glove-but-tonor?"

"Why, my dear," replied Cawker, "the essential thing about a Christmas gift is that it shall be a complete surprise."—Harper's Bazar.

Easy to Be Happy

Mrs. Newdoor—Aren't you always worried half to death when it comes to buying a Christmas present for your husband?

Mrs. Sunshine—My, no! I buy my husband something I want for myself.



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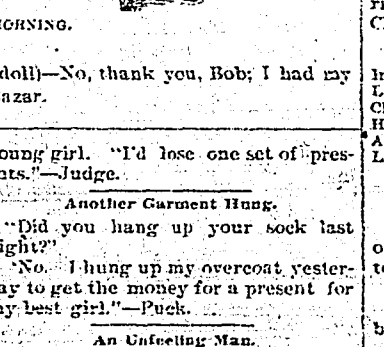
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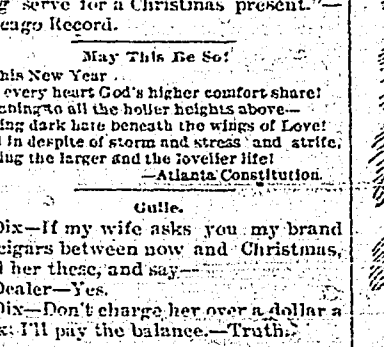
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THE PASSING YEAR

LY DOOR stands open wide to-night,
In token of a passing year,
Who twelve months since, with keen delight,
I welcomed to my lonely nest.

He stands there now, wan, wasted, old,
His face quite run, his mission o'er,
And when the midnight hour is told,
We part, to meet no more.

He came to me in merry guise,
With hopes and promises not few;
Ah! who could look within those eyes
And deem that they were all untrue?

But expectations all have fled,
The promises are broken, too,
The hopes lie withered, crushed and dead—
Not one of all but proved untrue.

And there he stands, decrepit, wan,
Who came to me a merry elf;
A few sands more he will be gone,
And with him gone part of myself.

So come and go the passing years
That bear us to the silent sea,
But brims with smiles or dim with tears,
They come in love, dear Lord, from Thee.
—Christian at Work.

Sweet Hells of Christmas!

Christmas bells, chime out triumphant
Over land and over sea!
Send your happy tidings floating
On sweet waves of melody;
Softly tell your tender story
Of our dear and dear again,
"Glorious in the highest, glory"
Peace on earth, good will to men.

To some gentle, weary spirit,
Bring a healing, holy calm;
May your notes, on hearts sore-wounded,
Call the consecrated hymn,
To some life's storm troubled waters
May they whisper "Peace be still!"
And our sleeping souls awaken
With a glad, exultant thrill.

On your wings of music, sweet bells,
Bear our thoughts to Him above,
Teach our hearts to time their pulses
To the rapturous psalm of love.
Oh! fine out all strife and malice,
With the story of His birth,
Hush in Faith, and Hope, and Love,
And peace on earth!

—Claudia Tharin, in Good Housekeeping.



CHRISTMAS IN DARTMOUTH.

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Parson Jackson—Ephraim, it says in the good book, "Thou shalt not steal."

Ephraim Johnson—I know that, sah, but I've been so lucky I thought I'd give you one.

Parson Jackson—"The Lawd lubs a cheerful giver."—Judge.

Christmas Time

I must own that all this fussing's
Rather trying on the nerves;
For a week back I've been running
To the cellar for preserves.
To the left to bring the hams down,
To the barn for eggs; you see
All our young folks are a-courting
Home to mother and to me.

Deck is coming home from college,
He has holidays just now.
He is going to be a preacher
(He could never learn to plow);
Lucy's coming from the high school,
He and Harry from the town,
And we've made firm promise
To bring all her children down.

Mother's in a peckish dither,
And she's feeling all day long
Lost with all her roasts and puddings
Something may perhaps go wrong;
But I just keep on a humming,
An old-fashioned Christmas cheer,
For the young folks are all coming
Home to mother and to me.

—D. MacArthur, in N. Y. Sun.



CHRISTMAS MORNING

Bobby—Come to breakfast, sister!
Little Sister (with her new Christmas doll)—No, thank you, Bob; I had my breakfast yesterday morning.—Harper's Bazar.



TWINS.
Polly: "Here's such a lot that Santa Claus must tend to when he gives. I feel a little anxious cause—"
"No might, forget we're twins."
"You can't peek in at our bed. 'Bout seven or half-past ten. And say: 'There's Dolly Brooks' head. And—Dolly Brooks again!"
And then he'd pull our stockings down, And shake his head, and say, With such a dreadful stinging frown: "She can't fool me that way!"
DOLLY: "Poor Polly wouldn't have a thing. How terrible that would be! For every single toy he'd bring. He'd s'pose would b'long to me."
Polly: "Let's take our picture books. Before we go to bed. Marked 'Polly Brooks' and 'Dolly Brooks.' And hang them overhead."
Then, when old Santa comes our way, He'll smile the biggest grin, And tiptoe 'round the bed, and say: "What have we here? Ah, twins!"
—Outlook.



CHIP'S CHRISTMAS CHEER.
TACKS of money all around! Stout little can-as sacks bulging full of gold and tied together at the neck with strong cord; neat little paper rolls of silver dollars piled up in pyramid form, and heaps and packages of bills counted and some up in little paper bands! Some of these packages were of one-dollar bills and some of fives and some of tens; others of twenties and fifties and one-hundreds. They were stacked up at the back of the desk where Thomas Tippy was at work in the bank, for he was a teller of some sort, or under-teller, or something which entailed a great deal of work and very little pay, as positions of responsibility often do. As one looked through the little brass-barred window at "Tommy," as everybody in the bank called him, he appeared to be a veritable money king. Wealth was all around. Besides being all over the two standing desks between which he worked, it was stowed away in drawers, I have no doubt, and piled up on the floor.
Tommy was hard at work. It was the day before Christmas, and people had been making deposits, and drawing money, and getting drafts, and doing all sorts of things which they will insist on putting off till the last minute. He was writing in an effort to close up affairs for the day, and his arm rested as he wrote on a package of one-hundred-dollar bills when he glanced up and saw at the little grating through which he had to look at the public a pair of big, greedy eyes set in a very small and very wan face. The face itself barely reached above the window-ledge, and Tommy couldn't tell whether it belonged to a boy or a girl, it was so pinched, and hungry, and dirty. The eyes of the face were devouring the money, as the eyes of the poor are prone to do, and the owner of the face seemed lost in contemplation of the gorgeous sight.
Then the eyes saw that Tommy was looking at them and shifted to meet his own. Tommy noted that they were singularly beautiful eyes of brown, with long, curving lashes. He must have been looking into them with a very kindly gaze, for they seemed to read in his look a friendliness that made their owner bold.
"Please, mister," said a small voice, which evidently came from the owner of the eyes, "can't I go on an errand, or something, so's to earn a little Christmas stake?"
The owner of the eyes evidently took Tommy for the owner of all the wealth around him, and of the whole institution as well, and had a notion that if he chose he could hand out a bag of gold coin or two or three of the thick slabs



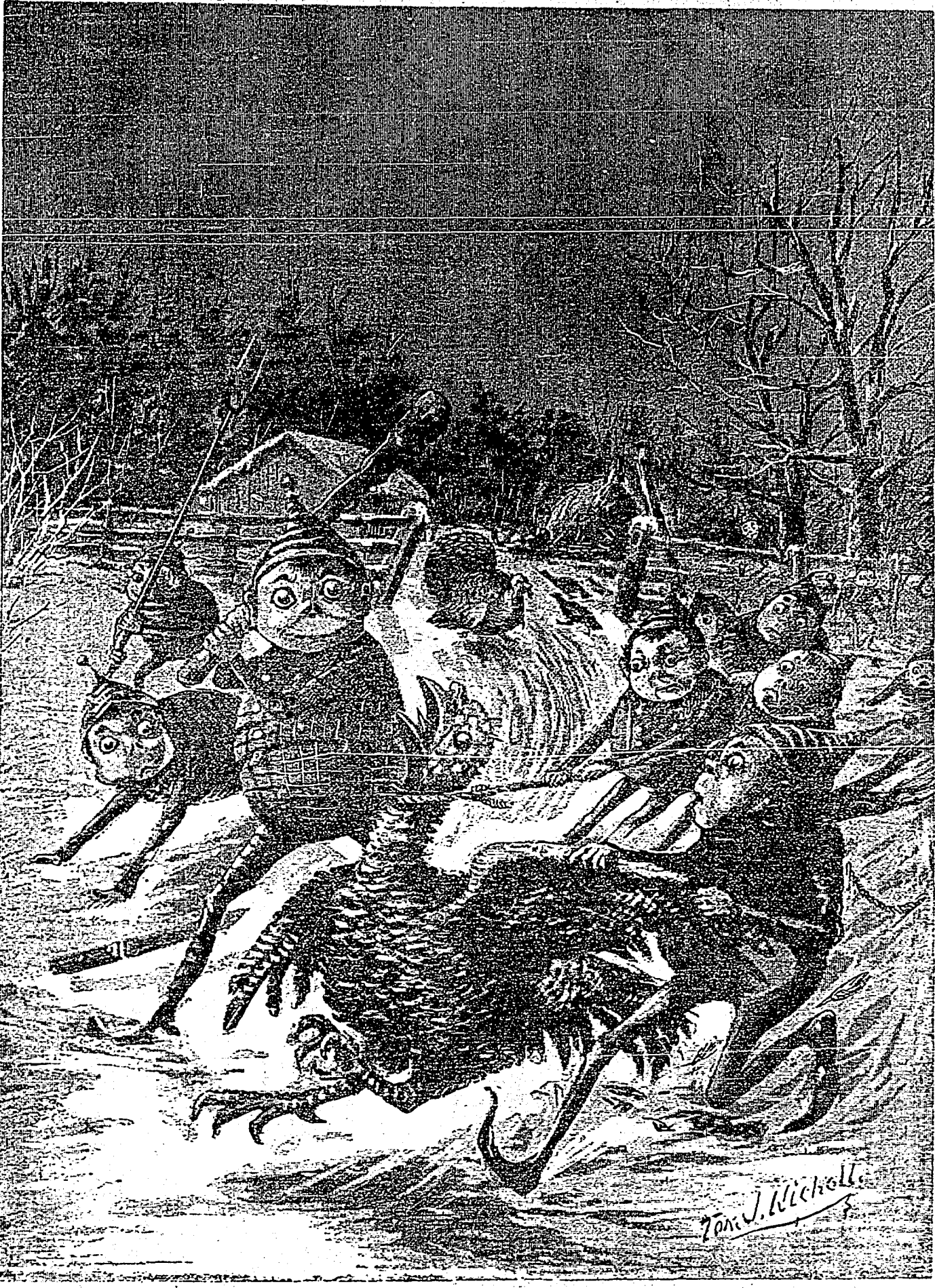
"BEEN A-WAITIN' FEB YE."
of greenbacks which were scattered around so conspicuously. This abiding confidence in his greatness on the part of the owner of the small, wan face so

clustered Tommy, that he could do nothing for a moment but stare at the big brown eyes and grow red in the face. Finally he said:
"Why, you see—ahem—it's—"
And here the watchman came along and, seeing the ragged little owner of the face, hustled him out with some scornful remarks about beggars. As the little fellow disappeared through the door and down the outside steps Tommy saw a slight figure tattered and shivering. And then the doors swung shut and Tommy turned to his work, with all of his own troubles crowded out of mind and only sympathy for the poor little waif occupying his thoughts.
He forgot all about the load of obligation that was on him and his hopeless struggles to extricate himself from the quicksand of debt into which he had floundered in his efforts to care for his

own, he took down his shabby overcoat from its peg, shook himself into it, put on his hat, and went out of the bank. He noticed that the streets were full of happy, hurrying throngs of people, most of whom had some package or bundle, but he wasn't envious, though he wished for a moment that he might have been able to send to his mother and sister some of the many pretty things he had seen through the shop windows as he walked homeward each evening.
He started west at a brisk walk for he couldn't afford to ride, and it was crisply cold. He hadn't gone far when he noticed a small figure trotting along by his side. He looked at it and caught two big brown eyes glancing up into his own.
It was the boy who had wanted to earn the "Christmas stake."

way, and they both felt first-rate. Then Tommy said:
"Well, I don't exactly own the bank. I've only got an interest in it. Say! To-morrow's Christmas! 'Know that?'"
"Bet I do!" said Chip; "that's why I'm a hustler. I want to be in with the other good people. I want to eat turkey."
"Well, I tell you," said Tommy, "I don't want any errands done, and I don't know of anything I can give you to do, Chip."
Here the wan little face looked up bravely and the big brown eyes steadied themselves a bit till Tommy had finished.
"But, I'll take you home with me, if you like, and you can share my Christmas dinner with me, whatever it may be. How's that; eh, old man?"
The big brown eyes in the little pale

scrubbed him up and fitted him into a back-number jacket and trousers which her own boy had worn years and years ago, before he ran off on a lake schooner and got drowned—then it came dinner time, and oh, dear! what a feast that dinner was to Chip. There wasn't any turkey, but there was the tenderest and best stewed chicken that ever Mrs. Bloomer had cooked, and the gravy was simply delicious. Then there were nice, warm biscuits to split in half and smother with this gravy; and mashed potatoes and homemade bread and butter; and to top off with there was the thickest, and juiciest, and sweetest apple pie that ever was baked. And Chip had two glasses of real milk.
And how his big brown eyes sparkled and his pale cheeks brightened! What a merry little fellow he proved to be, with his quaint sayings and his extrav-



A RACE FOR A HOLIDAY DINNER.

poor old mother and a helpless invalid sister in a little Wisconsin town. The load had been made infinitely heavier by a sad accident to his mother, which had resulted in a broken limb and which had necessitated nurses and increased doctors' bills and no end of expense during the fall, and Tommy had been obliged to borrow money from a private shylock in the bank and pay a ruinously usurious interest per month for the same. He had had to send home the big end of his small salary, too, each month, and what between this and the borrowed money he had run behind in his board, and was in about as desperate a financial fix as a hard-working, honest, and faithful employee ever was. Only the extreme kindness of the little old lady with whom Tommy boarded in a little old cottage on a little by-street on the West side enabled him to keep his head above water at all. But he was one of those stout-hearted fellows of whom the great world rarely hears, and wouldn't let himself get sour or cross.
When at last he had straightened everything up and had packed away the bundles of bills, and the bags of gold, and the paper rolls with the silver dollars inside, and had run over in his mind all the good he might do if only a small portion of all this money was his

Tommy stopped short, so did the boy. "Hello!" said Tommy, cheerily. "Where did you come from?"
"Been a-waitin' fer ye," piped the small voice, with equal cheeriness. "Tought maybe you might want a errand run somers."
"What's your name?" asked Tommy, in an admiring tone, his face beaming.
"Chip."
"Anything else?"
"No. Nothin' but Chip. Ye see, I'm a hustler fer myself, an' I hain't had no time to think up names. A little feller like me don't ketch on very easy, you know."
Tommy had started on and this last speech had come from the small figure as it trotted along. He looked down and saw the big brown eyes looking up at him. They were beautiful to look into, and the voice was such a cheery little voice, without a trace of a whine in it, that Tommy felt immensely refreshed.
"And what made you pick me out?" asked Tommy.
"Well, I liked your looks, and—er, you own the bank, don't you, an' all that money, an' ever' thing?"
Tommy looked down again and laughed. Chip looked up and laughed. It was right jolly to chum along that

face glistened with the tears that touches of unexpected kindness always produce in sensitive natures, but the voice made a great effort to be as brave and cheery as ever when it replied between shivers:
"I call that—way up in G. an'—you're a pr—prince of the blood—you are!"
"Put it there," said Tommy, as he stepped under a gas lamp and held his hand to the little great soul by his side. The cool little hand suggested confidence in his own and the bond of intimacy and warm friendship was complete.
Thereafter Tommy held Chip's hand as they tramped along west, and when they reached the side street in which he lived, Tommy lifted the thin little figure in his arms and with Chip's hands clasped round his neck walked into the presence of kind old Mrs. Bloomer. It was meager fare they had that night, considered from the standard of high fivers, but Tommy was used to it and it was simply luxurious to Chip.
But the next day, after Tommy had chatted with Chip all forenoon and got friendly and learned all about him—which wasn't much, he hadn't a friend in the world—and after Mrs. Bloomer had taken him in hand and

agant admiration of Tommy! And when dinner was over and Chip was happy as he could be Tommy got out his harmonica and played dead marches till Chip was "mighty nigh to bustin'," as he himself expressed it.
In the evening Tommy took Chip to the theater and sat up in the twenty-fifth row gallery, and they had the best time in the world, and wouldn't have changed places with the swell people in the first-floor boxes, not on any account. And when they had gone home and to bed and Chip had snuggled down by his side, Tommy asked:
"What are you thinking about, Chip, old man?"
A small, thin arm stole up over Tommy's breast and hugged his shoulder warmly.
"I was just a offerin' a bet to myself," said Chip, sleepily, "that you wasn't nothin' less'n own-brother to Santa Claus. Ain't ye?"
But before Tommy could answer happy little Chip was fast asleep on dreamland's delightful sea and was lying over again the pleasures of the day, while in Tommy's heart there croaked a soothing song more sweet and comforting than any millionaire in all the great big city could ever hope to hear.—Kirk La Shelle, in Chicago Mail.

CHRISTMAS AT THE OLD PLACE.



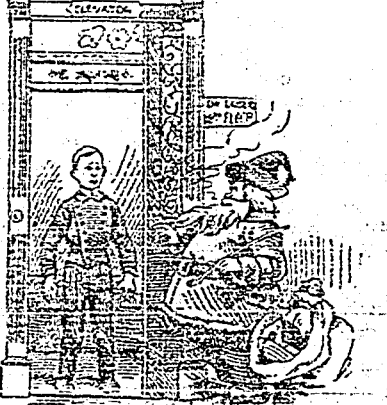
old-time dreams; And wife was at her knitting, while I was smokin' slow. But both of us was thinkin' of a Christmas long ago.
We old folks—well, we ain't so much on Christmas nowadays. Although the Lord has led us 'long an' all our wanderin' ways; But, sittin' by the old fireplace, the bright flames comin' to glow And light a little face we loved one Christmas—long ago!
A little face—the sweetest face of all the village girls. Like spring's red roses blossom' rimmed 'round with golden curls; A face we've missed—a face we've missed for many a weary year; (How sweet the Christmas-time would be if that dear face was near!)
We didn't think John good enough for Mary, but you see, Her mother—she was always jes' so much too good for me. That though they took and run away—and though it seemed a crime, I said I'd look it over if they'd come back Christmas time.
The house, it seems so lonesome, with only wife an' me. An' Christmas ain't like Christmas now, an' never more will be; An' though we thank the Lord for all, we can't keep back the sighs, An' through the sunshine of the years the rain falls 'round our eyes.
They sat beside the flickerin' fire, and in its ruddy gleams They talked about the old-time things, and dreamed the old-time dreams; The Mary of the golden curls, and one who loved her best, And sweetly dreamed a little one upon the mother's breast.



THEY SAT BESIDE THE FLICKERING FIRE. And looking in the face of him who leaned above her there, And kissed her cheek, and tenderly smoothed down her golden hair. She said: "We've been so long away from mother, that I know She's lonely in the home we left so many years ago!"
No other words she said, but he kissed back the tears that came, And whispered: "If they loved you then, they love you still the same; The old home must be lonely, though the fire is blazing bright— The little one shall plead for us—they'll kiss him Christmas night!"
And so it was that, while afar o'er the remembered dells, Still brightly beamed each Christmas star and pealed the Christmas bells, The wanderers went home, and in its loveliness and light They found a welcome, and a kiss for baby Christmas night! —Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

Definite and Specific.
Our resolutions for the new year should be definite and specific. Do not say simply that you will be more liberal, but say just how liberal you will be. Do not say that you will be more faithful, but say just what duties, neglected in the past, you will engage to perform in the future. Do not promise that you will give more of your time to the service of the Master, but decide upon the proportion of your time which you will give. A promise may be almost or altogether worthless because of indefiniteness. Let us deal honestly and reverently with Him whom we serve. Vow and pay.—United Presbyterian.

SANTA CLAUS IN CHICAGO.



Santa Claus—Take me up to the roof, boy. I tried to get there in my usual way, but it was no use—my team isn't equal to it!—Puck.

The best Loved of all



THREE new dolls sat on three little chairs. Waiting for Christmas day.

And they wondered, when they saw them. What the little girl would say.

They hoped that the nursery life was gay. And they hoped that they would find The little girl often played with dolls:

And they hoped that she was kind. Near by sat an old doll, pretty dressed In a new frock, black and red:

She smiled at the French dolls—"As to that, Don't fool around," she said, "I'm old."

The old doll shook her head and smiled: She smiled, although she knew Her plaster nose was almost gone.

And there, all eyes and bright. Sat three new dolls in little chairs— It was a lovely sight.

She praised their curls, and noticed, too How finely they were dressed. But the old doll all the while was held Chased close against her breast.

—Katharine Tyler, in St. Nicholas.

The Van Decker

IT WAS on the last evening of the party.

At eight o'clock that evening Miss Margaret Van Decker stood before the glass in the front chamber of the old Van Decker house.

She was short and plump and almost eighteen, and if she was not exactly pretty she made most people think she was, but Miss Van Decker, or Meg, as she was familiarly called, had a grievance.

"I wouldn't care if it were anybody but Al," she was saying, "but he is always getting the best of me, and last time when he wished me a 'Happy New Year' first he bet a pound of candy he would do it this year. Why, just think," continued this small person, as she snatched the last button into its buttonhole. "He has said 'Happy New Year' to me first every time since I was twelve years old. It seems silly to care, but he does it to tease me; he knows I mean to get ahead of him, and then forget it every time."

The little nose which was inclined to rub went up with a sniff as Meg shook out her red skirts and looked over her shoulder at the place where her train would have been if she had been old enough to wear one. "And boys are so conceited, anyway," she continued. "If we didn't take pains and outwit them once in awhile they would be simply unendurable. Al shall not be first this time, for I think," she added, firmly, "that when I have once made up my mind to do a thing I can carry it out as well as Al Van Decker or anybody else in the Van Decker family."

"Come, Meg! Hurry up, Amy!" called Bess Van Decker. "The boys will be here in a jiffy, and we must be ready to receive them."

"Come on, Amy, we shall be the last down, as usual," and Meg gave another touch to her crinkly brown hair, drew downstairs and landed with a skip and a twirl at the bottom.

Meg Van Decker was one of the Van Decker cousins, and so was Amy, and so was Bess and Sarah and all the rest of the forty-one of the younger generation of the Van Decker who lived at the corner.

The family formed the principal part of the small suburban settlement and quite ruled it in a social way. Indeed, at this little party there was hardly a guest who was not a cousin, or who did not expect to be a cousin some time.

Of all the dances of '92 there were none gayer than this leap-year dance, and as the girls, after it was over, were going upstairs Amy said: "Oh, I wish this weren't Saturday night—I don't want to go home—I know I shall never have another waltz like that last one with Al."

The room was in full chatter, for all the girls were crowded into it, trying to find their wraps. But high above the babel rose the voice of Miss Sarah: "Girls, you must hurry! It's twelve minutes to twelve now, and Aunt Annie said if grandma let us have the party here we must all be home and in our beds at twelve. After twelve it's the Sabbath."

"Where's my other garter?" cried Meg. "I've got to see Al home myself before Sunday morning. Carriages?" she continued, "did you girls all get your carriages? I didn't. It doesn't pay just to take Al round the corner. Couldn't afford it anyway."

A moment later, when there was a lull, Meg called: "Aunt Annie, won't you come here a minute? I want to ask you something."

Amy came, buttonhook in hand, and seating herself on a footstool, began buttoning her boots. Meg lowered her voice: "Have you that old brown dress that you wore at the masquerade last fall, and the hat?"

Amy nodded her head, stamping her left foot firmly into the boot. "Well, I want to borrow them to-morrow morning."

"What for?" "Oh, it's a joke on Al that has just popped into my head. You know that he bet me a 'Happy New Year' first again this year. He doesn't expect to see me until the big family dinner to-morrow, and by that time I dare say that I shall be talking so fast I shall forget all about it, as usual. But I am going to dress up so he won't know me, and then in the morning, when the poor children go to his house for the New Year's cakes I am going to get in with a crowd of them and just wish him a 'Happy New Year'! For once I am glad I live in a Dutch New York town, else there wouldn't be any poor children going around asking for cakes."

Amy laughed and agreed, and Meg tied a gauze scarf under her chin and said: "Now, I think I'm ready, and Amy, you take flarry up to the house, and I will take Al, and then we will meet at the corner and go home together. Mind now, that you don't let flarry go home with you."

"Come, girls," called Cousin Sarah. "The carriages have been here for ever so long. The girls trooped downstairs to the hall, where the boys were waiting, and with some blushing and much laughter each girl escorted her charge to the carriage, or walked with him, as the case might be."

If Al Van Decker had any idea of taking a slow promenade with Meg, he was soon disabused of the notion, for she started him away at a great pace, saying: "I can't dawdle. It's nearly midnight, and we should have been home half an hour ago." And in less than five minutes Mr. Albert Van Decker had arrived at his own door.

"Now, Cousin Meg," he said, "it's my turn."

"Oh, Al Van Decker, how did you come here?"

"Thought I'd stroll around and see that you and Amy got here all right, and I was just taking the short cut home. And," he added, as the last stroke of twelve from the old town clock died away, "I wish you a very good night."

Meg thought a moment. "I'll tell you, Amy. You run over before breakfast and see Aunt Annie. She'll hear a joke, you know, and she will help us manage it. She'll be sure then to have him at the door. You shall have half the candy. You won't forget, will you?"

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"	7:02 "	Demopolis	8:07 "
"	7:43 "	Uniontown	7:22 "
"	8:30 "	Marion Junction	6:46 " Arrive
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Leave	9:10 "	Salem	6:00 " "
"	11:20 "	Chattanooga	3:50 " "
"	12:30 "	Anniston	2:19 " "
"	2:25 "	Jacksonville	12:45 " "
"	2:57 "	Piedmont	12:20 p.m. Arrive
Arrive	4:25 "	Rome	10:55 " Leave
Leave	1:30 "	Ooltewah Junct.	10:46 " Arrive
Arrive	6:27 "	Chattanooga	8:55 " "
"	7:10 "	Chattanooga	8:15 a.m. Leave
Leave	5:45 "	Ooltewah Junct.	11:03 a.m. Arrive
"	6:32 "	Cleveland	10:30 " "
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